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WITH GENEALOGIES OF THE FAMILIES THAT HELD REAL ESTATE OR
MADE ANY CONSIDERABLE STAY IN THE TOWN DURING
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P R E F A C E.

"To know nothing of our ancestry or from whence we came, to have no reverence for the precious memories of the past, . . . is to ignore the elements and influences that have made us what we are, to repudiate the natural instincts and affections of the human heart. . . . And what more precious testimonial of your love of kindred and home can you leave than that which provides for the transmission of the history of your ancestors? And who so dead to sympathy and affection, to kindred and country, that would not preserve the record of his ancestors, the place of his birth, the home of his childhood, and the sacred spot where repose the loved and lost ones of earth?" —*Marshall P. Wilder.*

"The utility and importance of collecting and preserving local histories is becoming a matter of increased attention and interest. Public and private libraries already contain histories of a large number of the cities and towns of the Commonwealth. The desire to obtain and transmit historical and genealogical facts and traditions is well-nigh universal, and the gratification of it tends in many instances to foster and stimulate the best affections of the heart and the noblest qualities of the character and life.

"Do we not owe it to our ancestors, to those who planted this fair town, and who encountered innumerable hardships,—the fruits of whose toils and trials we are now enjoying,—to preserve their memory, and transmit it to those who shall come after us?" —*Rev. C. C. Sewall.*

THIS book was not undertaken in the hope of pecuniary gain. The interest awakened by the bicentennial celebration in 1876 led many citizens to desire that a more complete memorial of the town might at some future time be prepared. The conviction that by the destruction or loss of old papers, too many of which were already beyond recovery, and by the passing away of the elderly people, the work of collecting materials was yearly growing more difficult, led several persons to commence gathering data and putting them in condition for future use. This effort called out a very general interest in the subject, and grew gradually into a determination to place these materials together in a form suitable for publication.

This work, while slow and laborious (upward of ten years in progress), has been pleasant, nevertheless; and the editor feels that the citizens generally are deserving of the greatest credit for the cheerful assistance which they have rendered in placing family records and papers at his disposal as well as for a multitude of facts and reminiscences communicated orally.

It is plain that no work of this kind can be anything like a full history. The greater part of what we would desire to know has passed into absolute oblivion. A thousand questions will arise in the mind of the reader, which cannot be answered by any researches whatsoever.

"We shall never know how much unwritten history centres around the humble homes of the former inhabitants. We see traces of the cellar; we see the door-stone, the well, and the garden with its clustering lilacs blooming year after year, though the hand that planted them long since crumbled into dust. But who crossed the threshold or drank from the mossy well or gathered the flowers we cannot tell. We wonder who toiled on those rocky slopes, till a pathetic interest attaches itself to the very stone walls stretching over the hills or outlining some small enclosure long diverted from its original use and abandoned as pasture land."

It is only the immaturity of youth, the thoughtlessness of the frivolous, or sensibilities calloused by an unrefined mode of life, that can pass, unheeding, those spots

. . . "where once the garden smiled,
And still where many a garden flower grows wild."

In the preparation of this memorial to those who walked these streets and tilled these lands before us, we have endeavored to present facts, not fancies. Had we the power to indulge in fine writing, and should we allow ourselves to soar with fancy's flight, a more enjoyable book might doubtless be presented to the reader. But it would not be history. Then, again, many of the traditions that have come down to us are found, when scrutinized in connection with recorded facts, to have very little, if any, substantial basis. These are given, when given at all, as traditions only.

In the selection of facts to be presented, it has been the aim to bring forward such as might be of interest to natives of the town, and especially those who are or have been intimately acquainted with various localities, to whom each hill and stream, each rock and vale, has a tender and special interest; such facts, also, as shed light upon the daily life as well as the public acts of the early inhabitants, our own ancestors; and such, again, as are of interest to the general reader of New England history. In this, the suggestions of the Massachusetts Historical Society have been followed.

In collecting these facts, every known source of information has been consulted; yet, very probably, there are still many ancient papers in existence which have escaped the most diligent inquiry, and which might assist in deciding or elucidating some obscure or doubtful points.

The suggestions of the Massachusetts Historical Society have also been followed with regard to the treatment of our religious or church record. This is made as full as possible during the early years, when

town and parish were identical, and down to the time when the different denominations arose. The beginning of these is noticed, but the minutiae of their subsequent and separate life are left to those who compile church or denominational histories.

CHRONOLOGICAL ARRANGEMENT.

In the arrangement of the historical part of the work, after much consideration and consultation, the chronological plan has been adopted as, on the whole, best fitted for the purpose of a history of such a town as this. Medfield has not such a multiplicity of interests as many larger towns possess; and, while a topical plan gives a more connected account of each separate interest than a chronological arrangement can do, and thus offers special facilities to those who wish only to read up in certain lines of historical research, it is believed that the very complete indexes which accompany this work will give all necessary help in special reading.

GENEALOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

The genealogies are intended to give an account of all families which made any considerable stay in the town during the first two centuries, 1650-1850. Members of these families are followed to their removal from town; and the places to which they went are given, when possible. Owing to the large amount of matter in this department, the dates of births, deaths, and marriages are given in years only, leaving the exact month and day to those who are preparing family histories, and who care to be exact in this particular. The dates given are intended in all cases to correspond with New Style.

Biographical sketches are purposely brief, giving only well-known facts in regard to the persons mentioned, omitting generally expressions of opinion as to abilities or personal character, and confining biographical notice, for the most part, to persons deceased at time of writing.

Great pains has been taken to insure accuracy in statements concerning the early families. Most writers on this subject have followed Morse in his work on the first settlers of this region. But, several errors having been discovered in his books, it has been thought necessary to submit all cases to a new scrutiny and comparison with the original records as well as with the records of the settlement of estates in the Suffolk County Probate Office. Some important changes are thus made imperative, and it is believed that the arrangements of the families as given in this book are to be relied on.

The works of Rev. Abner Morse above referred to, *Early Puritans* and *History of Sherborn and Holliston*, are the result of much painstaking research, and are most valuable for reference. Nevertheless, subsequent study has shown that caution must be used in accepting them at all points. The collating and copying of our own records, which have

been recently done, make that easy of discovery which before was laborious and difficult.

We find in some instances that dates upon tombstones and in family memoranda differ from those given in the public records. We have in such cases followed the latter.

But it is well known that no work of this kind has yet been produced that is free from errors. We do not expect that this will be. Though the greatest care in respect to accuracy has been exercised, members of the families mentioned will doubtless be able to add many important items from knowledge in their possession, and to detect some mistakes which have escaped the most careful scrutiny. In this, we shall but share with others who have been compilers of genealogical accounts.

The entire risk of publication has been assumed by Mr. George H. Ellis, of Boston. His enthusiasm in regard to the history of his native town, together with the well-known character of the work that comes from his printing and publishing house, insures the typographical excellence of the book.

The illustrations and portraits, which add so much to the interest and attractiveness of the work,—first suggested, as we believe, by the late Rev. C. C. Sewall,—have been obtained very largely through the efforts of another of Medfield's sons, Hon. R. R. Bishop, who has on more than one occasion addressed our citizens on the subject of facts in our local history, and who has shown a lively interest in everything pertaining to the place of his nativity, especially in this attempt to gather together and preserve in permanent form these mementos of the past. Mention should be made also, in this connection, of another warm friend of the enterprise, the late J. R. Cushman, through whose energy and activity the fund necessary for the engravings was, after unexpected delays, at last completed. The drawings for the illustrations were made by the well-known artist, Mr. J. A. S. Monks, who, though not a native of this town, is connected, by his marriage, with a Medfield family.

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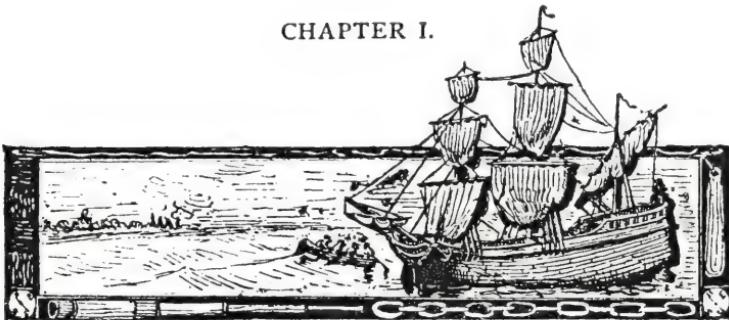
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HISTORY OF MEDFIELD.

CHAPTER I.



INTRODUCTORY.

PRIOR to the year 1620, no permanent settlement was made by white men upon Massachusetts soil. Its coast had been explored in 1614 by Captain John Smith, of Virginia fame, who gave the first detailed account of this part of the world, and drew a map of the coast from the Penobscot to Cape Cod. He gave the names also of the principal Indian tribes with which he came in contact. He tells us that the country of that tribe called the Massachusetts is "the Paradise of all those parts; the sea coast, as you pass, shewes all along large corne fields."

The Massachusetts River, he says, "doth pierce many daies iourney the entrailes of that country." The name of this river was soon after changed to *Charles*, in honor of the king's second son, afterward Charles I. Describing the country, he adds, "The waters are most pure, proceeding from rockie countries; the hearbes and fruits are of many sorts and kindes: as currans, or a fruit like currans, mulberries, vines, goosberries, plummes, wallnuts, chesse-nuts, small nuts, &c.; pumpions, gourds, strawberries, beans, pease, and mayze; a kind or two of flax wherewith they make nets, lines, and ropes both small and great, verie

strong for their quantities. Oke is the chiefe wood." He mentions, however, several other kinds of wood as common.

The most glowing accounts were given by the early explorers of the beauty, fertility, and resources of this part of the world; and it was regarded at that time by the people of England as a land of unsurpassed richness. Yet none were ready to leave their native land for a home in this western world till the date above mentioned. In the winter of that year came the Pilgrims, seeking freedom from oppression, and built a rude shelter above their heads upon the lonely shores of Plymouth. In the following spring, they reared their seven houses, and planted twenty-six acres of corn, peas, beans, and barley.

During the next ten years, settlements were commenced at Weymouth, Mt. Wollaston, Cape Ann, and Salem. In 1621, ten of the Plymouth men came by boats to Shawmut, now Boston, to trade with the Indians. But, in those days, no white man, probably, penetrated as far inland as this.

THE BAY COLONY.

In 1628, a patent was granted by the crown to six persons of all "that part of New England lying between three miles to the north of the Merrimack and three miles to the south of Charles River, and of every part thereof, in the Massachusetts Bay; and in length between the described breadth, from the Atlantic Ocean to the South Sea." This patent included the territory now embraced within our township.

The year 1630 brought Winthrop's fleet of eleven vessels: in that year, thirteen hundred persons came over the seas, and Boston was founded. Soon after Winthrop's arrival, a party, in endeavoring to find a favorable place for settlement, went "three leagues up Charles River," and found a satisfactory location at Watertown. The same year also, settlements were made at Dorchester, Roxbury, Newtown (now Cambridge), and Lynn.

The oppression and persecution of the non-conformists in England reached their height when, in 1633, Laud was

made Archbishop ; and the decade commencing with 1630 witnessed the great emigration from the old country. New settlements were made not only along the coast northward to New Hampshire, but also farther inland.

In those days, the Dutch were flourishing along the Hudson, the renowned Wouter Van Twiller having become governor there in 1632. From the Dutch, the English colonists first learned of the fertile lands in the Connecticut Valley ; and, in 1633, William Holmes of Plymouth went by boat up the Connecticut, and built a trading-house at the mouth of the Windsor River. That locality still bears the name of "Plymouth meadow." The same year, John Oldham and three others went from Boston to Windsor by land. He followed the paths of the Indians all the way, and lodged with them in their huts by night. All of them treated him with kindness. He brought home some hemp, said to be much better than the English, and which grew in abundance there ; also "some black lead, whereof the Indians told him there was a whole rock." He was undoubtedly the first white man who penetrated the country in that direction. He was followed by Samuel Hull, who started in November to go through the woods to the Connecticut River, returning in January. The next year, men were sent to examine the country along the river ; and their glowing accounts of the fertility of those lands soon spread among the towns along Massachusetts Bay, and some of the more adventurous determined to go there. In 1635, a company from Watertown made a settlement at Weathersfield, others from Newtown settled at Hartford. In October, "sixty men, women, and children, with their horses, cattle, and swine, journeyed through the wilderness to Windsor, Conn. They were fourteen days in going." The next year, William Pynchon, who had come over with Winthrop, went with a small company from Roxbury, and commenced a settlement at Springfield.

What route these parties took in their overland journey is uncertain : the oldest map of the "Bay Path," in the State archives, was drawn in 1645, and represents it as lying

somewhat to the northward of us. But it is stated that the route of those going and returning between Connecticut and the Bay lay through Dedham, to which our territory originally belonged. It is probable, therefore, that this locality became known to white men about the time of these first overland journeys.

In these years, new towns were being founded in the eastern portions of the colony. Besides the crowded condition of the seaboard places from the large arrivals from England, several causes contributed to the planting of new towns. There was a disposition to go to extremes in the formation and advocacy of political and religious opinions. As early as 1637, *eighty* opinions, which had spread in the country, were condemned by the synod. Controversies waxed warm, and it frequently became more comfortable for men of such positiveness to separate and found new towns. The possession of landed property also was new to most of these first comers, and a desire was developed for large domain. This disposition was characterized in a poem published in London in 1648, entitled "Good News from New England," as follows:—

"Most men, unlanded till this time,
For large lands eager sue:
Had not restraint knocked off their hands,
Their farms too big had grew."

CHAPTER II.



THE LANDS OF CHICKATABOT.

THE Massachusetts Indians were divided into several petty tribes, each with its chief or sachem. The tribe of the Neponsets ranged along the river which still bears their name. Their sachem was Chickatabot. He claimed the territory lying between the Neponset and Charles Rivers.

Chickatabot was one of the chiefs who, like Massasoit, were friendly to the whites. He signed a treaty with the Pilgrims at Plymouth in 1621; and ten years after, when the Bay Colony had been established, he entered into an agreement with the colonial officers that he, with another chief named Sagamore John, "would make satisfaction for whatever wrong any of their men should do to the English, to their cattle or any other ways." Soon after, a swine belonging to Richard Saltonstall of Watertown was shot by an Indian; and Chickatabot was called upon to make good the loss by payment of "one beaver skin." In a time of scarcity of provisions at Boston, when the colonists were reduced to great want, he made a visit there with his "sannops and squaws," as the record has it, and presented the governor with a hogshead of Indian corn.

When new towns were organized, it was with the condition that the Indian titles to the land were to be extinguished by purchase or agreement; and the chiefs were generally found ready to part with lands for a small consideration. Soon after the landing of Winthrop, William

Pynchon bought of Chickatabot certain lands lying between the Charles and Neponset Rivers. That purchase included our own township with several others. The extent of the purchase was somewhat indefinite; and no deed of it was preserved, if one was ever given.

In 1633, the small-pox broke out among the Indians to the westward of Boston, and swept off great numbers of them. In a single locality, it is said that as many as thirty died in a day. The disease spread eastward to the Piscataqua, and also westward among the Narragansetts and the Pequots. It was reported that it had gone as far as there were any Indian plantations to the west. While it was so fatal among the red men, it was remarked that very few whites were attacked by it. Among those who died at this time was old Chickatabot himself. In his death, the colonists lost a good friend; although they considered that in the thinning out of the natives the facilities for extending settlements were increased.

In 1635, the General Court directed "those Indians who were present when Chickatabot sold lands to Mr. Pynchon, or who know where they were, to set out the bounds thereof." No response seems to have been made, the son of Chickatabot having been killed in a great war undertaken by the Massachusetts Indians against the Mohawks. Fifty years afterward, his grandson, Josias Wampatuck, brought a claim against the town of Medfield for the land, which was settled by the payment of a small sum. Other towns settled his claims in the same way. A deed from Josias to the town of Dedham is still preserved, in which he says that, "forasmuch as he is informed by several ancient Indians" that his grandfather did convey the land to the planters, he quits claim to the same.

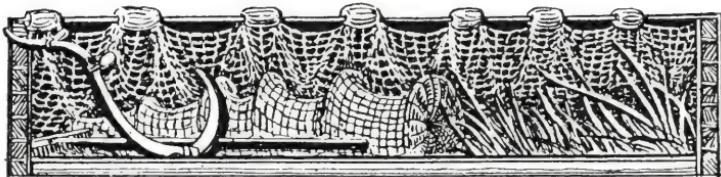
Roxbury was probably the first town formed from the Chickatabot purchase; but, in 1635, the inhabitants of Roxbury and Watertown had leave to remove, and several persons embarked above the falls of Charles River (Newton Upper Falls) on a voyage of discovery. They selected the site now Dedham as the place for a new settlement.

The name of the town was to be Contentment; but out of respect to some persons lately arrived from Dedham, England, its name was changed by the General Court.

Dedham was founded in 1636; and their grant allowed them "to enjoy all the lands on the easterly and southerly side of Charles River not formerly granted unto any Towne or particular person." Dedham originally included the territory now embraced within Dedham, Norwood, Walpole, Norfolk, Wrentham, Franklin, Bellingham, Medfield, and Dover, also Needham and parts of Natick and Hyde Park.

The years from 1630 to 1640 were those of the most extensive immigration. In that period, twenty thousand persons came into the country. Few came after 1640, and but few returned. Winthrop, in 1641, says, "The Parliament of England settling upon a general reform both of Church and State, the Earl of Strafford being beheaded, and the Archbishop, our great enemy, and many others, imprisoned and called to account, this caused all men to stay in England in expectation of a new world, so as few coming to us." Our own town, as well as others formed from the Chickatabot lands, was settled by men who came in the great immigration,—the kind of men who stamped New England character, and from whom "have descended three-fourths of the native population of this section, half of New York and Ohio, as well as a large portion of those who have settled the newer States farther west."

CHAPTER III.



THE PLACE COMMONLY CALLED BOGGESTOW.

THE name Boggestow is understood to be that given by the aborigines to the valley of the Charles River lying between Medfield on the east and Medway and Sherborn on the west, with the adjacent lands. From "Rock narrows" a very broad expanse of meadow lands stretches southward for several miles. Smaller streams empty into the river in this locality,—Boggestow Brook on the west, Stop River, Vine Brook, and North Brook on the east. The confluence of these streams, and the very slight fall in the river, cause a great extent of meadows hereabout.

The meadows with their unlimited supplies of grass were doubtless the attractive feature of this region in the eyes of the early explorers. Dedham, however, embraced but a small part of "Boggestow," the river being the boundary. Beyond was a stretch of "country land," the property of the colony, not yet laid out to any town.

In the early days, the General Court granted large tracts of "country land" to persons who had rendered eminent services. In what is now the southerly part of Sherborn and the north-east corner of Medway, hundreds of acres had been given in this way. These tracts of land were not occupied by the grantees, but were held by them for sale to actual settlers, and were known in the speech of those times as "the farms." Hence, the terms that have come

down to us,—“Farm Bridge,” “Farm Pond,” “Farm Street.”

The first distinct mention of this part of the township of Dedham, in their records, is in 1640, when that town granted “to Edward Alleyne, gentleman, and to his heirs and assigns forever, three hundred acres of upland and fifty acres of meadow, all to lie in or about that place called Boggestow, or not far from thence, where the said Edward shall make choice before any other do make their entrance thereabouts of any lands whatsoever.” Alleyne died in 1642; but the land was laid out to his heirs in 1649, thus making good the town’s promise, before any others “made their entrance,” a settlement here being then proposed. That land was afterward bought by this town; and its location is unknown, though it must have been on the east side of the river.

In 1643, the Court granted to Rev. John Allen, of Dedham, two hundred acres at “Boggestow, on Charles River.” This was laid out on the west side of the river, and north of Boggestow Brook. In the grants of land by the town some years later, we find some of the lots bounded on “Mr. Allen’s farm.” A part of it was sold, however, about 1657.

It has been thought by some that there were scattered families living in this region before Medfield was incorporated. Savage gives countenance to this idea in the expression, several times used,—“settled in that part of Dedham which afterward became Medfield.” Such was very evidently not the fact. A law had been enacted that “no houses be built over half a mile from the meeting-house, except mill-houses and farm-houses of such as had dwellings in some town.” People were obliged to dwell together for mutual protection; and all the early grants for house-lots in Dedham, as well as in other towns, were near each other. That the town of Dedham had granted no lands on our present territory, except that of Mr. Alleyne already referred to, is evident, as in every case when grants were made they were bounded on each other or on common land.

APPEARANCE OF THE COUNTRY IN EARLY DAYS.

We generally picture to ourselves a dense and an unbroken forest, tangled and impassable, the ground piled with fallen trunks barring the traveller's way, as we see them now in mountain regions where stands "the forest primeval." We are often surprised, however, in reading the story of the early Indian wars, to find that bodies of horse and foot soldiers seem to have penetrated the country in all directions without much hindrance; and tradition says that the woods were so thin and trees so scattering that a deer could be seen in the forest at a distance of forty rods.

In the first written descriptions of the country by the English settlers, these open forests were compared to the parks of Old England. In 1629, Mr. Graves, of Salem, wrote: "The country is very beautiful, in open plains in some places five hundred acres not much troublesome to the plough. The grass and weeds grow up to a man's face: in the lowlands and by the rivers, abundance of grass, and large meadows without a tree or shrub."

In 1632, Morton wrote: "The savages burn the country, that it may not be overgrown with underwood. The trees grow here and there, as in our parks, and make the country very beautiful."

In Wood's *New England's Prospect*, written in 1634, it is said: "There is no underwood, save in swamps and low places; for, it being the custom of the Indians to burn the woods in November when the grass is withered and the leaves dried, it consumes all the underwood and rubbish. There is good fodder in the woods, where the trees are thin; and, in the spring, the grass grows rapidly on the burnt lands. . . . The woods were open and the forests penetrated without difficulty. The only obstructions were streams, hills, and swamps."

The custom of burning the woods seems to have been general, and was remarked by the Dutch along the Hudson River. Owing to the destruction of many saplings by the annual burnings, valuable timber trees were not abundant. They grew in moist places and along watercourses, where

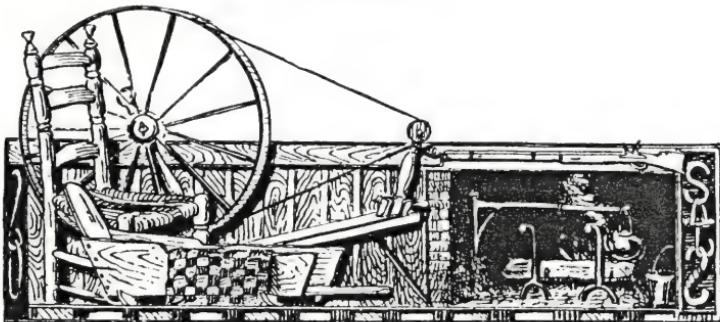
the fires were less severe; and the towns adopted measures for economy in the use of "timber trees." In our village, as we learn from the records, the large trees grew along Vine (or Meeting-house) Brook; and there was cedar timber near, probably in "pine swamp."

The meadows were in early days much drier than at present: the change began to be noticed about 1740, when the river, from various causes, became more sluggish. Their appearance was, doubtless, much like that described by Graves. They were free from trees and bushes, and yielded immense quantities of very good grass for the winter subsistence of cattle. There is little doubt that they were the great inducement to the selection of this as the site of a new town.

The soil of the plain on which our village stands is naturally dry: the fires would have full power, and it was probably not much wooded. It was, very likely, one of those open plains, "not much troublesome to the plough," divided by the belt of timber trees which grew along the brook. There were other open plains, evidently: as "south plain," "herd-house plain," and "bridge-street plain," are mentioned in the very earliest records. We also read about "the great field in the middle of the town" and the "north plains."

There is no doubt that the aspect of the country as first viewed by Europeans, with the open woods free from under-growth, the patches of clear land between, and the verdant meadows skirting the streams, was quite as picturesque as any found to-day in the outlying portions of the town.

CHAPTER IV.



GLIMPSES OF COLONIAL LIFE, 1630-1650.

THE fathers of New England evidently intended that every industrious man should have a fair chance to obtain a competency. To this end, land was given to all, so that the tiller of the soil should also be owner of it,—a condition quite the opposite of that to which he had been accustomed in England.

The State granted land in townships: the towns made grants to householders. In dividing the town land, the number of persons in a family, as well as the amount of property, were taken into account; or, as they expressed it, the division was made "by heads and estates."

In some towns, the house-lots were made of equal size; in others, the smallest were to be not less than half the size of the largest. The house-lot contained a building site and a field adjoining, sufficient for the first needs of the settler. Afterward, other fields, woodlands, and meadows were divided by persons and estate. The location of these was generally determined by drawing lots.

Men in those days were not to expose themselves to needless peril. In 1637, it was ordered that no man travel more than a mile from his house without arms, unless near other houses, under pain of 12*s.* fine.

In the same year, a man was fined for going to Connecticut without giving notice to the Court or Council.

Offences against public order were to be properly dealt

with. In 1639, "the town of Dedham is fined 2*s.* 6*d.* for not having a pair of stocks."

By colonial law, a constant watch was to be maintained, to give alarm in case of danger from Indians. The signal was by discharging three muskets, by continual beat of the drum, by firing the beacon, by sending a messenger to adjacent towns, or by firing a cannon in the night. Every trained soldier was to take the alarm at once, under pain of £5 fine.

Every town was to provide a sufficient place of retreat for women and children, and for keeping ammunition. "Garrisons," as they were called, were sometimes built partly of stone, with a stockade.

The watch was to be set throughout the country at sunset, and not to be discharged till beat of drum at sunrise. Gunpowder was distributed, one barrel to each of the smaller, and two barrels to each of the larger towns. That these precautions were not for an occasion of sudden alarm, but a stated regulation of the colony, is shown by the fact that, five years after the first order, an act was passed that "if any man shoot off a gun after the watch is set, except by allowance, he shall forfeit 40*s.*"

The military officers of each town were to appoint what arms were to be brought to the meeting-house on the Lord's day and at other times of meeting, and to provide that no arms be left at distant houses or farms, so that an enemy might possess himself of them.

In 1645, it was ordered that "the chief officer of every company shall with all diligence take order that there be a daily ward kept upon the outskirts of their several towns that lie within their several charges, and that they send out daily scouts for the ranging of the woods upon the borders of their several towns."

The colonial government insisted upon proper respect being shown it. In 1644, Robert Saltonstall was fined "for presenting his petition (to the General Court) in so small and bad a piece of paper."

The interests of education were attended to. Harvard

College was established, so that a class was ready to graduate as early as 1642; and schools for the instruction of children were maintained by law, even in those troublous times. In 1647, every town of fifty households was ordered to have a school where children should be taught to read and write. Every town of a hundred households was to have a "grammar school" to fit youth for the university, under penalty of £5.

The first comers to these shores brought with them hand-mills to grind their corn; but, as soon as houses had been erected in the settlements, a site was selected and a water-mill built "for the supply of the town."

All owners of cattle put them into the common herds for pasturage in the burnt woods or "herd-walks," under care of a herdsman. A hut or shelter was built for him on his range, called the "herd-house." Such a structure is supposed to have been the first building ever erected by white men on Medfield soil; a herd was probably kept by the Dedham people during the summer in the easterly part of what is now Medfield, some time before the settlement here was begun.

The houses of the colonists were covered on the outside with thin boards overlapping each other. It is said that these were at first split or cloven, not sawed, and were called clove-boards, and hence our word "clapboard." The roofs were at first thatched; and, on account of the great danger from fire, every householder was required to provide a ladder for his house or be fined. After a few years, roofs of the better class of houses were shingled. The interior was generally ceiled. Only the wealthy had their houses plastered, or "daubed," as it was then called. Oak was generally chosen for building purposes at first. There was not much confidence in pine. Oak was used for frame, for enclosing and ceiling, as well as for clapboards and shingles. Pine and cedar were gradually substituted for these last; but oak was thought indispensable for frame and enclosing boards, to a much later date.

Many of the first settlers were mechanics, and it was not

difficult for each town to provide itself with most articles of necessity requiring mechanical skill. Arrangements were soon made for tanning, each farmer sending his hides to the tanner. When they were returned in the shape of leather, the village shoemaker, or "cordwainer" as he was called, was invited to bring his tools, stop a few days with the family, and make up the year's stock of shoes.

The first rude buildings might probably be erected by almost any person who could wield an axe; while, for the better class of houses and for mills, a carpenter was generally to be found in the settlement.

The production of some kind of cloth was a necessity, and weavers were found in every town. These were bred to the business in the old country; and, taking the thread spun by the housewives, they were skilled to produce goods of durable quality and sometimes even of beauty.

The food of the colonists consisted of beef and pork, which they raised in abundance, with bread and beans. The latter were largely used. Sweets and dainties were not common. Luxurious living was discouraged by such statutes as that which ordered that "no cakes or buns be made or sold except for burials or weddings."

The grain produced was chiefly Indian corn, no doubt raised with greater facility than any other grain. It was a principal article of food, as well as of trade. Wheat and rye were raised to some extent, rye being sold at about the price of corn, wheat much higher. Potatoes were unknown till a century later. It is said of the first that grew in a neighboring town that a judicious citizen, having tasted of a raw one, remarked that he thought they might be good after lying in the ground over winter and getting well ripened by the frost. After their introduction here, they were considered a rarity. A bushel was thought to be sufficient for a winter, as they were only served up for visitors. There is no indication that tea and coffee were in use in the colony for many years after it was founded.

Wolves and wild-cats infested the swamps in this region, and their revels much annoyed the early settlers at night.

The howl of the wolf was frequently heard, and young cattle feeding near their haunts often fell a prey. Hunting wolves was a necessary pursuit, and very popular among the adventurous young men. The bounties offered by the authorities made the reward for bringing in a wolf's head sometimes as much as £2.

No man could be a "freeman," with right to vote or have any voice in the management of public affairs, unless he was a member of the church; and all male citizens who were not freemen were required to take an "oath of allegiance" to the colonial government. By these enactments, the colonists sought to guard themselves against the intrusion of "men inimical to their views, whose aim would have been to subvert their church and destroy their government." In 1641, it was declared that "all who were orthodox in judgment and not scandalous in daily life" could become members of the church.

Slavery was prohibited, except in case of "lawful captives taken in just war, and such strangers as willingly sell themselves or are sold to us." The death penalty was to be inflicted for murder, adultery, man-stealing, rape, and bearing false witness knowingly to deprive one of life. Cruel and barbarous modes of bodily punishment were forbidden. No gentleman was to be punished by whipping, unless his crime was particularly shameful and his life generally vicious. The old English practice of wife-whipping was prohibited, though the Court reserved to the husband the right to chastise his wife for just causes.

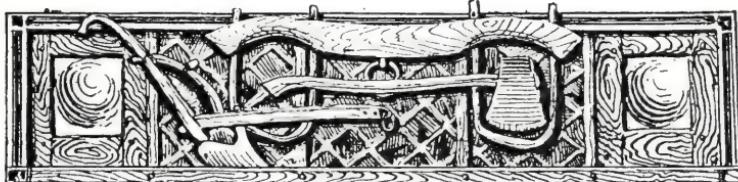
During these twenty years, prosperity began to reward the toils and hardships of the colonists, so that many of those who had barely enough to bring them over became worth hundreds of pounds. By 1643, it is stated that there were one thousand acres in gardens and orchards, and fifteen thousand acres under cultivation for grain-raising. There were twelve thousand neat cattle and three thousand sheep in the colony. Wool, flax, and hemp were abundant for the manufacture of such articles of necessity as could be produced from them. A few ships were built in those early

times, and native vessels carried on something of a commerce with the West Indies. The manufacture of glass was commenced, and iron foundries were established. A printing-press was set up at Cambridge in 1639, the first thing printed being "The Freeman's Oath." The population of the colony in 1643 was about eighteen thousand.

Churches were founded in every town, and meeting-houses were built. A meeting-house then was not only a place for religious services, but for all gatherings or meetings of whatever kind. These were rude structures, the roofs being thatched like the houses. There were few, if any, pews; but the people generally sat on benches or settees.

The curious custom of "seating the meeting-house" prevailed in all the towns for many years. A committee was chosen at town-meeting to perform this duty. All the seats were ranked in dignity. All the people in town were ranked also according to age, wealth, or general standing. Those of high rank in the social scale were formally assigned to seats of corresponding rank in the meeting-house. Children never sat with their parents, but were seated together, with a tithing-man to keep them in order.

CHAPTER V.



THE SETTLEMENT OF MEDFIELD.

THE enterprise of starting a new town on the banks of Charles River was undertaken at first by Dedham men, though they were soon joined by others. This place was called at first "Dedham Village." The plan evidently was to get as much of the meadow on both sides of the river as possible, with the adjoining upland. The east side lay within the bounds of Dedham, the west side belonged to the Commonwealth. To carry out the plan, two grants were needed.

A petition was sent to the General Court for a grant of land west of the river. This petition has not been preserved; but in the records we find the following:—

In ansr. to a petition of the inhabitants of Dedham ffor a parcell of vpland and meadow adjoyning to their line to make a villadge of, in quantity 4 miles south and north, and three miles east and west, becawse they are streightned at their doores by other tounes & rocky lands, &c. Their request is graunted so as they erect a distinct village therevpon within one yeere from this day, Octob. 23, 1649, and Capt. Keajne, Mr. Edward Jackson & the surveyor gennerall are appointed to lay it out at any time, Dedham giving them a weekes warning.

Having obtained this grant Oct. 23, 1649, Dedham held a town-meeting November 14th following, and set apart a portion of its original territory for the new town. After reciting the above grant, the town voted that there shall be "granted for the accommodation of the village so much land

within the west end of the bounds of Dedham next Bogastow as is or may be contained within the extent of three miles east and west, and four miles north and south,—the form and line to be varied and altered as in the judgment of such men as shall be deputed thereunto shall seem for the most convenient accommodation both of Dedham and the said village."

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In the following January, Ensign Phillips, John Dwight, and Daniel Fisher were chosen by the town of Dedham, and authorized to lay out the grant from that town, and to accomplish it before the middle of April, 1650. This grant corresponds very nearly, if not exactly, with the territory now embraced within the town of Medfield.

The men appointed by the Court to lay out the land west of the river, now a part of Medway, performed that duty; and in the colonial record for May 22, 1650, we find:—

Whereas there was a graunt made by the Generall Court at a session the 22d of the 8th moth, 1649, vnto the inhabitants of Dedham, in answer to a petition of theireis for the enlargement of the village theire, as by the sajd graunt may more fully appeare, this graunt, so made, was layd out by Captayne Robt. Keaine and Mr. Edward Jackson, who haue subscribed it with theire hands in manner & forme followinge, vitz: begininge at a small hill, or iland, in the meddow on the west side of Charles Riuere, & runinge from thence about full west three miles, and then, turninge a south line, ended at Charles Riuere at three miles & a quarter, this line beinge there shorter than by the graunt it was allowed to be, but accepted by the graunteeis, the sajd riuere is appointed to be the bounds from that place to the place where the first lyne began. This Court doth approue of this returne of the ps ons aboue mentioned concerninge the bounds of the sajd village, & in answer to the request of the inhabitants of Dedham doe order that it shalbe called [Meadfeild].

These lines can be readily traced. The "small hill or iland" is about one-fourth of a mile north of Boggestow pond. The line "about full west" is very nearly the present boundary line between Medway and the towns of Sherborn and Holliston. The "south line" makes the indentation in the northern boundary of Medway, and passing along the westerly border of Black Swamp came to the river a little to the west of Medway Village.

In the above grant, the name of the town is in brackets : evidently, the space was left blank at that time. But the name was decided on very shortly afterward, when it was probably inserted. The name is variously spelled in the old records, frequently Meadfield and Medfeild.

Several reasons have been given for the selection of this name. The most plausible is that the towns of Dedham, Medfield, and Wrentham in England lay near each other ; that the early settlers here came from that vicinity, and perpetuated the memory of their native locality in naming these towns. This view is strengthened by the tradition that this town once received the gift of a bell from Medfield in Old England. There is no record, however, in any way relating to it.

At the meeting in Dedham, Nov. 14, 1649, the question was proposed upon what conditions the lands were to be granted. Some desired that they be freely given ; while others, in consideration of their town rights in the meadows, thought the grantees should pay £100 "to be divided among such of the inhabitants of Dedham as do not remove to the village." The latter view prevailed ; but the amount was afterward reduced to £50, "in consideration of the many and great charges lying upon that town."

From this mention of the meadows in the Dedham records, it is quite probable that grass had been taken from them already. It is certain that in a time of scarcity of hay, seven years after, the farmers of Dedham looked about for a supply, and found it in the "Meadow beyond Wolomolopoag," now Wrentham, which was at a still greater distance.

At the same date, we find the following record :—

Chosen by the inhabitants assembled for the managing and transaction of whatever is or may be needed for the further performing of the erecting, disposing, and government of the said village, the men whose names are hereunder written, who are fully authorized thereunto until there be such a company of men engaged in that plantation and associated together as the town of Dedham shall judge meet for that work and trust.

RALPH WHEELOCK.

THOMAS WIGHT.

ROBERT HINSELL.

HENRY CHICKERING.

JOHN DWIGHT.

PETER WOODWARD.

ELEAZAR LUSHER.

Wheclock, Wight, and Hinsdale came to the new settlement: the others remained in Dedham, but acted in behalf of the parent town until Medfield was invested with town rights, fifteen months afterward.

The proceedings of this committee were recorded by Eleazar Lusher; and the book is still in good preservation, a specimen of Lusher's antique but beautiful handwriting.

Among the first business undertaken by this committee was the preparation of an agreement to be signed by all who desired to be accepted as inhabitants of Medfield. Its author is not certainly known; but there is little doubt that it was chiefly, if not entirely, the work of Ralph Wheclock, who has very properly been styled "the founder of Medfield."

THE AGREEMENT.

For as much as for the further promulgation of the Gospell, The subdueing of this pt of the earth amongst the rest given to the sonnes of Adam & the 'enlargemt of the bounds of the habitations formerly designed by God to som of his people in this wilderness, It hath pleased the Lord to move & direct as well the much Honour'd General Court as —t alsono the Inhabitants of the Town of Dedham, each of them in it, to Grante such a Tract of Land in that place called Boggastoe and the adiaciant pts thereabouts as is adiudged a meeete place for the erecting & settling of a Town, We the ps ons whose names ar next underwritten, being by the Inhabitants of Dedham selected, Chosen, and authorized for the ordering & manageing of the said Town or village to be erected, for the due settling therof as also for the p'venting of questions, mistakes, disorders & contentions that might otherwise arise, doe order, determine, and resolve, as followeth:

1. That all ps ons wt so ever that shall receave Land by Grante from the said Towne now called Meadfield shall becom subiect to all such orders in any pt or point of Town governmt as ar at p'sent or heere after by the Authoritie of the said towne shall be made and appointed for the ordering, regulateing or govermt ther of, pvided they bee not repugnant to the orders, or any order, of the Gennall Court from time to time, and that every such grante shall for the firme engagmt of himself & his successors ther unto subscribe his name to our Towne Booke, or otherwise his grant made to him shall therby be made void & of none effect.

2. That if differences, questions or Contentions shall fall out, or arise, any manner of ways in our societie, or betwixt any parties therin, that they shall really endeavour to resolve & issue the same in the

most peaceable ways & manner, by refference Arbitration, or som other
the like meanes before it shall com to any place of publike Judicature,
except it be in our owne Towne.

3. That we shall all of us in the said Towne Faithfully endeavour
the onely such be receaved to our societie & Township as we may
have sufficient satisfaction in, that they ar honest, peacable, & free
from scandall and eronious opinions.

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Lorraine Christopher John W. Moore George A. Smith
Dale M. Cook Bill Moore & George A. Smith

July 10, 1940 Monday 10:00 a.m.

Chorus night John Wright, Bryant, Green, and
other parts rest of choir Bryant, Green,
and others alone Bryant, Green, and others
John Johnson Robert Henshaw
Janet Allard Commonwealth
John J. Driscoll Commonwealth
and others Bryant, Green, and others
and others Bryant, Green, and others
John P. Clark Commonwealth
and others Bryant, Green, and others
George Burton Commonwealth
John Carroll Commonwealth
and others Bryant, Green, and others
John Davis Commonwealth

How many of these signatures were made at first, we cannot discover. Among them are, at least, the names of five persons who never came to Medfield: they may have intended to join the number, but were prevented from doing so. Several of the later signatures are of sons of the original settlers, who were formally accepted as townsmen when they came of age. Others came from various places subsequent to the time of settlement, and signed the agreement when they were accepted. Others came here, received lands, and even held office, who did not sign the agreement at all. After a few years, the custom of signing fell into disuse. One of the last signatures was that of Joseph Daniel, who was accepted as a townsmen in 1662. This town was organized with a much smaller number of householders than has been generally supposed.

It will be noticed that sixteen "made their mark," concerning which Mann in *Annals of Dedham* says, "It is fair to infer they were not all writing-masters; but their particular occupation is not stated."

REGULATIONS IN REGARD TO DIVISION OF LANDS.

At a meeting of the committee about the beginning of 1650, they formally appointed Eleazar Lusher to keep the books for the town of — until another be chosen. The space for the name of the town was left blank, as at that date it had not been definitely fixed upon. The record proceeds :—

It is ordered that the ground or rule for the division of land shall be persons and estates.

It is ordered that, in laying out house-lots, teaching and church officers shall be first provided for.

It is ordered, for the further explaining the rules of division of lands, that by persons is intended the persons to whom the grant is expressly made, and all others that are at present in real dependence upon them, servants excepted.

It is also further ordered that no house-lot shall exceed twelve acres of upland and twelve acres of meadow, neither shall any house-lot be less than six acres of upland and six acres of meadow; and any

man's estate shall receive land according to its apportion between these sums, according to what their persons and estates are capable of; and if any man's estate and persons be at present straightened thereby, he shall in the next division of lands receive so much more than his shall then come unto; but such as in a six-acre lot shall now receive more than by right of his persons or estate can be granted to him, that overplus shall not be discounted, but he shall receive in the next division whatsoever according to the common rule of division come to his part.

It is ordered that the estate we account and allow of as capable of division of lands is such estate as is ratable, and usually rated in the country rate.

This is as far as the business proceeded at that meeting. About the first of February, another meeting was held, the record of which is:—

It is ordered that all grantees whatsoever shall be enjoined thereby to be present at Medfield with all that estate that they received land for, settled before the end of the third month, called May, which shall be in the year 1651, except the selectmen for the time being shall grant a longer time to any particular grantee. Whosoever shall fail herein shall forfeit to the town all the lands to them formerly granted them.

It is ordered that what persons soever shall present themselves to the selectmen for the time being, to be accepted and to receive land for their persons and estate, shall give satisfaction to the said selectmen that the estate of which they make report is truly real, so that in the judgment of reason it may appear very probable that that person shall be able to settle that estate at Medfield according to the order in that case provided.

The valuation of cattle set at such prices as they shall be accounted at in estates in the grants of land as followeth:—

One ox, £7.	One horse, £15.
One cow, £6.	One 1 year old swine, £1.
One 3 yearling, £5.	One 1 year old goat, £1.
One 2 yearling, £3 10s.	3 year old colt, £10.
One 1 yearling, £2.	2 year old colt, £8.
One weaning, £1.	1 year old colt, £5.

It is ordered that to every fifteen pounds estate shall be granted one acre of land in house-lots and one acre of land in meadow, to be apportioned according to the former order concerning the extent of house-lots.

It is further ordered that all such charges as are necessarily occasioned by the public ordinances of the town,—viz., the purchase of the land from Dedham or the Indians, as also the charges of the petition,

laying out of the lines about the general grants made to the town, or other the like occasions,—shall be borne and defrayed by those lands granted for house-lots.

Forasmuch as it is supposed to be very probable that there may be clay found in that place when lots are suddenly to be laid out, it is therefore ordered that the five men formally deputed and authorized to lay out house-lots, or any three of them, shall have hereby power to appoint and provide that sufficient search be made at the public charges, and that the most fit place and quantities be reserved for the public and common use of the town for clay, as to their judgment shall appear most meet.

Whereas such as are appointed to assist and direct in the laying out of house-lots are occasioned to expend much time and pains about the same, more than in equality they can be required to do, it is therefore ordered that such of them as shall have pains therein as aforesaid, or other the like public occasions, shall, upon their bill presented, have such satisfaction allowed them as shall be thought reasonable upon consideration. This order to be of force from the fifth of the first month, 1650.

Another meeting of the committee was held on the 10th of the third month (May), 1650, at which provision was made for laying out house-lots in Medfield. The record goes on:—

The men whose names are hereunder written are hereby chosen, deputed, and authorized to assist and direct the measurer in laying out house-lots as by their discretion they shall judge most meet according to the rule of division formerly resolved upon, being persons and estates whose authority shall settle the situation and lines of all such house-lots as shall be by them performed within the space of six months next ensuing: the greater number of these men consenting together shall be a sufficient act for the settling of such house-lots in meadow or upland, in whole or in part.

THOMAS WIGHT.
ROBERT HINSELL.
TIMOTHY DWIGHT.

SAMUEL BULLEYN.
JOHN FRAIRY.

Forasmuch as some charges that concern the public are suddenly to be defrayed and satisfied, it is therefore ordered that every grantee to whomsoever land shall be laid out in house-lots shall, for every acre, within ten days after the laying out thereroof, pay to the collector for the town one shilling, in payment of the charges that concern the town.

Thomas Wight is chosen collector for and in behalf of the town, to continue till another be chosen.

Thomas Wight is chosen to be present to assist and advise in laying out the farm to the heirs of Mr. Edward Alleyne, together with them that the town of Dedham have deputed to the work.

Thomas Wight, Robert Hinsdell, and Samuel Bullen, or any two of them, are chosen and deputed to be present at the laying of the line betwixt Dedham and Medfield; to take notice of that line, and to assist therein as they see cause.

Deputed for the laying out of highways, and other the like necessary occasions that may prepare and make the place capable of laying out into house-lots, the men whose names are under-written, or any four of them:—

THOMAS WIGHT.	TIMOTHY DWIGHT.
PETER WOODWARD.	SAMUEL BULLEN.
JOHN DWIGHT.	ELEAZAR LUSHER.

It is agreed upon to give a call to Sergeant George Barber to build a mill at Medfield and to keep it for the supply of the town; and they resolve to give him such encouragement thereunto as to a work of that nature is convenient.

THE FIRST HIGHWAYS.

The main road from Dedham to Boggestow ran through the north-east corner of what is now Walpole, and entered Medfield near Foundry Street. From that point, it passed probably north of Mount Nebo, and came out upon the present Main Street, a short distance east of Pound Street. Thence, it followed substantially the direction of Main and Bridge Streets to the river, where the bridge connecting the two portions of the town was soon built. The precise location of that bridge is uncertain; but it must have been near that of the present bridge by the almshouse.

Leading out of this principal road was another, where North Street now lies, which was soon extended, and became the "old road to Natick." Opposite North Street, another road led southward near where Pleasant Street now is, but bearing farther east and terminating near the head of Philip Street.

This was the system of roads: one way leading through the town from east to west, and another crossing it at right angles, thus forming the four corners which have been from that day to this reckoned as the centre of the town. There

is no record of the laying out of these roads, the first six leaves of our oldest record book being lost.

June 19, 1650, the committee proceeded to lay out thirteen house-lots. The record of these grants is in the unmistakable handwriting of Eleazar Lusher.

GRANTS FOR HOUSE-LOTS TO THE THIRTEEN PIONEERS.

1. To Mr. Ralph Wheelock, twelve acres of upland as it lyeth abutting upon the highway, being two rods and one-half broad toward the south-east and north-east, and upon the waste land toward the south-west and north-west, the highway, two rods and one-half broad, crossing the same near the north-west end thereof.

This was the west corner of Main and North Streets, with the field opposite skirting the south road as it then ran some hundred rods or thereabouts.

2. To John Ellis, ten acres and one rood, abutting upon Mr. Wheelock toward the north-east.

This was the site now owned by Mr. Upham, with a field on the opposite side of Main Street of about the same length as Mr. Wheelock's.

3. To Samuel Bullen, ten acres, abutting on the waste lands toward the south-east, north-east, and north-west, and upon a brook thereby toward the south-west.

This was near Philip Street, opposite F. D. Hamant's house. The brook referred to was larger at that time than now, a portion of its waters having since been turned in another direction. The stream appears to have been called Nantasket Brook in early times.

4. To Daniel Morse, twelve acres abutting upon Samuel Bullen toward the south-east and the brook south-west.

This was what is now known as the "church lot." A lane led from the highway to the houses of Bullen and Morse.

5. To James Allen, seven acres, abutting upon the waste lands upon all the sides thereof round about.

This was near the house now owned by Mr. Rhodes, on South Street, the field running back toward the west, somewhat long and narrow.

6. To Joseph Clark, ten acres, abutting upon James Allen toward the north-west.

An old cellar and well still mark the site of this house.

7. To Francis Hamant, six acres, abutting on Joseph Clark toward the north-west.

He did not build his house there, but afterward obtained another grant near the brook on Philip Street, which has been in the possession of the Hamant family from that day to this.

8. To John Turner, six acres abutting upon Francis Hamant toward the north-west.

Curve Street marks the southern boundary of this lot: his first house stood near the junction of Curve and South Streets.

9. To John Frairy, twelve acres, abutting upon the highway toward the south-east.

The highway here referred to was the common around the meeting-house, which embraced the land now covered by the pond. The house-lot lay along Frairy Street to Dale Street, and the house was on the site of that now owned by the Stedman heirs.

10. To Timothy Dwight, twelve acres, abutting on John Frairy south-west, on the highway south-east, and on the highway in part, and on waste land in part, on the north-east.

This house was built on the site owned by the Derby heirs, and his field lay along North Street. The "waste land in part" on the north-east was a triangular piece of ground now included in D. D. Curtis' lawn.

11. To Robert Hinsdale, three acres and one half, abutting upon the highway south-west, and upon a brook south-east.

The Hinsdale house stood on the east side of North Street, north of the brook. He took the remainder of his twelve acres in another place.

12. To Thomas Wight, twelve acres, touching upon Robert Hinsdale at one angle, otherwise upon waste land.

This was on what is now Green Street, a little way from North Street.

13. To John Wight, six acres, abutting on Thomas Wight on the south-west, all else on waste land.

"Wight's Lane" led from North Street to these houses.

The committee for the ordering of affairs held another meeting in November, at which the following order was passed:—

Forasmuch as there are divers trees as will fit for timber in woods growing near about the brook that runs out of the meadows, in the middle of the town, which trees may be of much use, as well for shadow as for other public occasions of the town, it is therefore ordered that no man, either inhabitant or other, shall cut or fell any of the aforesaid trees of any scantling whatsoever, of either side of said brook, without special or particular license from the town, upon the penalty of forfeiting for every such tree so felled without license the sum of five shillings, to be paid to the use of the town upon any reasonable demand made by whomsoever the town shall authorize thereto.

The low ground along the brook had not been included in the house-lots, but was reserved by the town as public property. By the foregoing order, it is to be inferred that the settlers were commencing operations here; also, by the mention of the shadow of these trees, that large and beautiful shade trees were not abundant. This corroborates what has been said of the appearance of the country in respect of the forests.

An additional order was passed at the same meeting:—

For the preventing of wasting of timber by unnecessary felling, or neglect of due removing thereof seasonably after the same is felled, it is therefore ordered that whosoever hereafter shall fell any timber of any sort whatsoever, upon any part of the common lands of the town, and shall let the same or any part be unimproved or uncarried away for

more than six months after the same is felled, those trees, or what part soever shall be so remaining, shall be wholly forfeit into the hands of the town, and shall be disposed of by the selectmen as shall appear unto them most meet.

This is the last recorded action taken in Dedham for the management of the affairs at the new town of Medfield.

DEDHAM'S SURRENDER OF JURISDICTION.

At a general meeting of the inhabitants of Dedham on the first of the eleventh month (Jan. 11, 1651, N.S.) the following vote was passed:—

It is by the town of Dedham consented unto and ordered that the power, right, or privilege of town government that hath hitherto or is remaining in the township of Dedham, or any their trustees or assigns, whereby they have and did act in and on behalf of the town of Medfield, shall be, and hereby is, wholly and totally transmitted and delivered into the hands, power, and disposing of the township of Medfield in general and the selectmen thereof and their successors forever.

And do also further agree with those of Medfield that are now present that such care as is necessary that due and seasonable payment be made of that debt due from Medfield to this town upon reasonable demand thereof. And further promise as much forbearance thereof as the public occasion of the town of Dedham admit of.

Medfield now only needed the recognition and sanction of the General Court to be a town with full powers. That sanction was given in May, 1651, by an act entitled "Medfield's power," which reads as follows:—

There beinge a towne lately erected beyond Dedham, in the County of Suffolke, uppon Charles river, called by the name of Meadfield, uppon their request made to this General Court, this Court hath graunted them all the power and privileges which other townes doe injoy according to law.

ORGANIZATION AND ACCESSIONS.

Medfield entered upon its independent existence as the forty-third town in the colony in the order of incorporation. The corporators had matters entirely in their own hands. They could admit or reject as townsmen whomsoever they pleased: they had absolute control of all the lands within

their bounds. Upon their integrity, judgment, and foresight rested the future of the new town.

The first board of selectmen consisted of Mr. Ralph Wheelock, Timothy Dwight, Robert Hinsdale, John Frairy, and Benjamin Alby.

Henry Adams was chosen "clerk of the writs," or town clerk, soon after Dedham's surrender of jurisdiction, as no records subsequent to that time are in Lusher's handwriting. The next grant, No. 14, is in the new clerk's chirography. There were numerous accessions to the number of those who were receiving house-lots during the spring and summer, located as follows:—

Isaac Chenery, six acres, bounded south-east by James Allen. This was on South Street, near the place now owned by heirs of Lowell Wiswell.

Henry Smith, ten acres, bounded south-east by Isaac Chenery. On South Street, but somewhat back toward Pleasant Street.

Henry Glover, six acres. On North Street, opposite Pine Street.

William Partridge, six acres, bounded by Henry Glover south-east. On North Street, where the house owned by the Misses Wight now stands.

Thomas Ellis, six acres, bounded by William Partridge south-east. The spot is now owned by descendants of the the same name.

Thomas Mason, six acres, bounded by Thomas Ellis south-east. Now owned by A. E. Mason, a lineal descendant.

Benjamin Crane, six acres, bounded by Thomas Mason south-east. This lot was sold in 1652 to Joseph Ellis, who soon removed from town. It was, apparently, where Hamlet Wight now lives.

The following were Weymouth and Braintree men, and they all took lots in Bridge Street.

Benjamin Alby, four acres, which lay near the corner by the almshouse.

John Bowers, two acres and three rods, bounded by Benjamin Alby north-west. The house owned by heirs of J. F. Newell stands on the Bowers lot.

— Nicolas Rockwood, three acres and three rods, bounded by John Bowers north-west.

Alexander Lovell, four acres, bounded by Nicolas Rockwood north-west. This spot is now owned by Charles H. Russell.

Abraham Harding, five acres, bounded by Alexander Lovell north-west. Now owned by Mr. Chase.

Henry Adams, four acres and a half, bounded by Abraham Harding north-west. The place is now included in that owned by heirs of Gershom Adams. He did not, however, build there, but bought the place on Elm Street, near Mill Brook, ever since owned by his descendants.

John Fussell, three acres, bounded by Henry Adams north-west. Some traces of a house, supposed to have been his, have been found on a little knoll near the meadow, on the Gershom Adams place. Next to this lot, on the south-east, land was left for a common clay pit.

— Edward Adams, two acres, bounded by the common clay pit on the north-west.

Peter Adams, two acres and a half, bounded by Edward Adams on the north-west. This and the preceding were near the foot of Dale Street.

Margaret Sheppard, two acres, bounded by Peter Adams on the north-west. This lot seems to have been not very far from the corner of Main and Bridge Streets, on the west side.

These Bridge Street house-lots, being less than the minimum size, were made up by subsequent grants of land above the brow of the hill, on "Bridge Street Plain."

Rev. John Wilson commenced his pastorate in December, 1651, as he himself tells us; but we have no record of the action of the town in calling him. In fact, not much remains to us of the action of the town concerning any matter in 1651. His house-lot was on Main Street, the site of the present town hall, with a field opposite, which included the land now lying between South and Pleasant Streets. Joshua Fisher had his house-lot next to Mr. Wilson's on the east, and built his house where that of the heirs of James Hewins

now stands. His field opposite stretched down as far as Pound Street.

This year, the direction of South Street was changed: it was removed from between the lots of Mr. Wheelock and Mr. Wilson where it was at first, and laid between Mr. Wilson's and Joshua Fisher's; very nearly its present location.

George Barber had twelve acres, bounded west by Joshua Fisher. His house was near where that of Bradford Curtis now stands.

John Thurston had twelve acres, bounded west by George Barber, and built his house near the spot now occupied by the residence of James Hewins.

It will be observed that all these Main Street lots were so laid out that they were on both sides of the way; and the houses were all built on the north side, thus making them front to the south, according to the universal custom in those days. Not a house was built on the south side of Main Street for more than a century. Opposite to each house lay the "home field."

We learn that the burying-place was set out in 1651, as the grants of the next year refer to it as a thing already established. It embraced the central portion of the present cemetery, next the street.

BUILDING OF THE FIRST MILL.

An agreement made on the sixteenth day of the ninth month, Anno Domini one thousand six hundred and fifty-one, between Benjamin Alby, John Frairy, Robert Hinsdale, Timothy Dwight, and Mr. Ralph Wheelock, selectmen for the town of Medfield, one party, and George Barber, carpenter, of said Medfield, the other party: the said Benjamin Alby, John Frairy, Timothy Dwight, Robert Hinsdale, and Ralph Wheelock being moved to gather together, and assembled the day and year above written for the ordering of the prudential affairs of the town, do, on behalf of the town, covenant and agree with George Barber as followeth for the building of a mill upon the brook that runneth on the east side of the South Plains which lieth beyond the house of Samuel Bulleyn, all former agreements with him about the sitting of it down upon any other brook being repealed and made void. Now, and in consideration that is of building the said mill upon the aforesaid brook for the supply of the town, the selectmen aforesaid do

give and grant unto the said George and his heirs forever twenty-five acres of upland and meadow, to be laid out as followeth:—

Upon this side of the brook next unto the town, twenty-four acres of land, to be laid out according as those deputed thereunto shall run the lines. Upon the east side of the said brook, close adjoining unto the mill, one acre of upland. And, lastly, that parcel of meadow and upland formerly granted to the said George, abutting on the highway leading to the great bridge over Charles River.

Also the selectmen do agree and promise to the said George Barber to do all necessary digging and damming which shall be needful for the setting down of the said mill at the town's charges, provided the said George serve his own part equal and proportionately with the others of the said town.

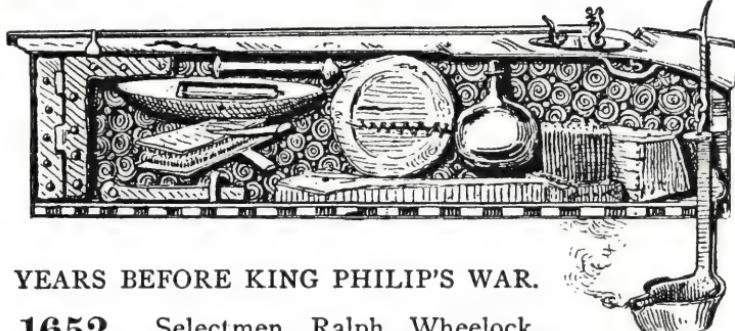
For, and in consideration of these aforesaid premises, the above said George doth bind himself, his heirs, and successors, to maintain and keep in good preservation at his own charge the said mill and dam after they be made and set down sufficient for the town's use, provided it be not for want of water. All which promises being truly and faithfully performed, the town above said doth bind themselves unto the said George and his successors to build no other mill to the prejudice of the said George his mill.

This meeting of the selectmen "for the ordering of the prudential affairs of the town" was one of their regular meetings for town business. Records of the selectmen's meetings were kept for many years. South Plain is described as lying beyond the house of Samuel Bullen, which indicates that his was the southernmost house in the settlement at the date mentioned (Nov. 26, 1651), and that John Turner and Francis Hamant did not probably build till the following year.

The land granted to George Barber "for his encouragement" is included at present in the farm belonging to heirs of Henry Adams, and the mill was "set down" on the brook a few rods *below* the road. A later mill was built *above* the road.

Some half-dozen births are recorded here for 1651; but this record was evidently made up afterward, as they are not in chronological order. They probably occurred in other towns, and were put on record after the parents' removal to this place. There is no record of deaths or marriages for that year.

CHAPTER VI.



YEARS BEFORE KING PHILIP'S WAR.

1652. Selectmen, Ralph Wheelock,

Robert Hinsdale, Timothy Dwight, George Barber, Abraham Harding, and Henry Adams. The latter was again chosen town clerk, an office which he held for ten years.

At the May town-meeting, the agreement with George Barber about the mill was read, and "allowed without objection."

A portion of the town valuation for 1652 is preserved, and is in form and substance as follows:—

JOHN BOWER HIS ESTATE.

psons 4,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40	0	0
Housing,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	0	0
Cowes 3,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18	0	0
Two 2 yrs. old,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	0	0
3 acres bro:	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12	0	0
3 unbr:	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	0	0
fence abo: Med,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	0	0
Sume,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	91	0	0

ROBT. HINSDALE'S ESTATE.

psons 10,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	100	0	0
Housing,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	60	0	0
Ground bro: 11 ac,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	44	0	0
fencd part 3 ac,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	0	0
unfencd 5 ac,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	0	0
Cowes 2,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12	0	0
Heifers 3 yrs.,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	10	0
yearl: 2,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	0	0
swine 2,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	0	0
In other es,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	0	0
											250	10	0

JOHN THURSTANE'S ESTATE.

pson 8,	80	0	0
Howsing,	60	0	0
6 ac bro: up,	15	0	0
2 ac: unb,	2	0	0
fenced lands 7 ac,	14	0	0
oxen 4,	28	0	0
Cowes 2,	12	0	0
2 two-yroulds,	7	0	0
yearling,	2	0	0
swine,	1	0	0
owing in debts,	25	0	0
 Sume,	 246	 0	 0

FRANCIS HAMOND ESTATE.

psons 4,	40	0	0
Howse,	25	0	0
bro: up land 5 ac,	20	0	0
unbr: fen 3 ac,	6	0	0
Cowe,	6	0	0
swine 4,	4	0	0
 sume,	 101	 0	 0

ABR: HARDING HIS ESTATE.

psons, 4,	40	0	0
Howses,	40	0	0
Bro: upp 9 ac,	32	0	0
unbro: 3 ac,	6	0	0
Oxen 4,	28	0	0
Cowes 6,	36	0	0
two 3 yrs.,	10	0	0
4 of 2 yrs.,	14	0	0
yearling,	2	0	0
swine 3,	3	0	0
 sume,	 211	 0	 0

RALPH WHEELOCK HIS ESTATE.

psons 10,	100	0	0
acrs 9 bro,	33	0	0
unbro 3,	5	0	0
Orch:	10	0	0
House,	30	0	0
oxen 2,	14	0	0
Cows 2,	12	0	0
3 yearl:	5	0	0
2 yearl:	3	10	0
one yearl:	2	0	0
Debts to rece,	40	0	0
overplus of first estate given in,	20	0	0
 sume,	 274	 10	 0

JAMES ALLIN HIS ESTATE.

psons 8,	80	o	o
Howse,	20	o	o
Acres br: 5½,	22	o	o
unbro: ac ½,	3	o	o
Cowes 2,	12	o	o
yearl 1,	2	o	o
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sume,	139	o	o

ISAAC CHINERIE HIS ESTATE.

pson,	10	0	0
broake up 3 acres & 3 roods,	15	0	0
unbro: 2 ac & a rood,	4	10	0
2 two yea:	7	0	0
2 of 1 yea:	4	0	0
swine,	1	0	0
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sume,	41	10	0

EWD ADAMS HIS ESTAT.

psons 2,	20	o	o
Hous lot,	36	o	o
2 acc,	12	o	o
2 acchrs,	6	o	o
I ac,	2	10	o
2 oxen,	14	o	o
— cows,	12	o	o
— arl,	2	o	o
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sume,	104	10	o

PETTER ADAMES.

persons 3,	30	o	o	
oxen 3,	18	o	o	
Cows 2,	12	o	o	
3 yer old Ster 1,	5	o	o	
1 swine,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	o	o
brok land 3 ac,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	o	o
unbrok 2 ac,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	10	o
other estat,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20	o	o
for othe estate,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	o	o
													100	10	o

ALIXANDER LOVELL HIS ESTATE.

1 persons,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	o	o
1 mare,	20	o	o
2 oxen,	14	o	o
2 cows,	12	o	o
2 yerling,	4	o	o
6 acer brok land,	18	o	o
7 acer ub,	10	o	o
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													88	o	o

JOHN PLIMPTON.

6 persons,	60	o	o
2 cowes,	12	o	o
1 Calf,	1	o	o
1 swine,	1	o	o
Land 6,	6	o	o
in other estate,	26	o	o
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								106	o	o

DANIELS MORSE.

8 persons,	80	o	o
4 cowes,	24	o	o
4 oxen,	28	o	o
1 yerling,	2	o	o
1 swine,	1	o	o
Housing,	60	o	o
14 accer lau,	56	o	o

JOHN TURNER HIS ESTATE.

JOHN BULLERD-

	JOHN BULLER.	
6 persons,	60	o o
2 oxen,	14	o o
3 Cows,	18	o o
2 2 yearling,	7	o o
2 1 yearling,	4	o o
House,	20	o o
brok land 6 ac,	22	o o
unbrok,	3	o o
in other estate	8	o o

JOHN ALICE

	JOHN ALICE.		
5 persons,	50	o	o
4 oxen,	28	o	o
2 cowes,	12	o	o
1 3 yearling,	5	o	o
' 2 yer old,	7	o	o
1 yerling,	2	o	o
1 swine,	1	o	o
House,	10	o	o
Brok land,	33	10	o
		148	10
		—	o

SERGENT GEORGE BARBER.

6 persons,	60	0	0
House,	10	0	0
5 oxen,	35	0	0
2 cows,	12	0	0
2 3 yearling,	10	0	0
2 2 yearling,	7	0	0
1 Colte,	12	0	0
2 swine,	2	0	0
6 accers,	9	0	0
6 accers,	7	0	0
other estat,	75	0	0
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	240	0	0

JOSEPH CLARK.

8 persons,	80	0	0
2 oxen,	14	0	0
3 Cowes,	18	0	0
1 3 yearling,	5	0	0
4 2 yearling,	14	0	0
1 yerl,	2	0	0
1 swine,	1	0	0
3 land,	24	10	0
unbrok,	5	0	0
House and other estate,	30	0	0
	—	—	—
	183	10	0

SAMUEL BULLIN.

7 persons,	70	0	0
House,	20	0	0
Brok land,	36	0	0
5 ac unbrok,	7	10	0
2 oxen,	14	0	0
2 Cowes,	12	0	0
1 3 yearling,	5	0	0
2 2 yearling,	7	0	0
2 yerling,	2	0	0
2 swine,	2	0	0
	—	—	—
	175	10	0

HENRY SMITH.

6 persons,	60	0	0
6 oxen,	42	0	0
4 cows,	24	0	0
1 3 yearling,	5	0	0
yerl,	2	0	0
3 swine,	3	0	0
5 brok,	20	0	0
land,	9	0	0
House,	18	0	0
	—	—	—
	183	0	0

We discover that each person was put against £10 of estate, and land was drawn accordingly. The remainder of the list in detail is missing. But from a column of aggregates we add the following :—

Mr. Wilson,	£231	Joshua Fisher,	£180
John Frairy,	316	Joseph Morse,	260
Benjamin Albee,	182	Samuel Morse,	90
Timothy Dwight,	278	Thomas Grubb,	200
Thomas Wight,	322	John Metcalf,	135
John Wight,	88	Nicolas Rockwood,	100
Widow Shepard,	105	Henry Adams,	210

It appears by the above that Isaac Chenery, Edward Adams, Peter Adams, Alexander Lovell, and John Plimpton had not built their houses at the time this valuation was made.

George Barber built the mill, probably in the spring of 1652; and in July of that year he sold his interest in it to Henry Adams, as shown by an old paper of which the following is a copy :—

In the yeare of our Lord 1652, month 5th the 9th day, I, Henry Adams, Late of Braintree, now of Medfield in the county of Suffolk, having bought of George Barber, of Medfield likewise, his mill, which is the mill for the said town, with all its appurtenances and privileges thereunto belonging, & 25 acres of upland and meadow adjoyning, & lying & being neere unto the sayd mill, doe therefore testifie by this present writing that I doe owe and stand duely indebted, unto the above s'd George for the forenamed premises, the whole entyre sume of £7c which sayd sume I promise to make payment of unto the forenamed George, his heyres or assynes, in manner and forme as followeth :—

1. In the yeare 1653, month the 4th, the 24th day, in corne, chatle and shopp commodities, 30 pounds; the corne is to be payd at price currant, the chatle are to be prised by 2 men indifferently chosen by each of us in case we agree not of price between ourselves, which 2 above named pays are to be made here in town; the commodities are to be payd in Boston at the shopp of Mr. Sheffe in merchantable goods or elsewhere as we shall agree in currant goods.

2. In the yeare 1654, month the 4th, the 24, in corne, chatle and shopp commodities, 40 pounds. The corne aforesaid is to be payd at price currant, the chatle to be prised by 2 men indifferently chosen by each of us in case we 2 shall not agree between ourselves: which 2 pays

are to be made here in Medfield. The commodities are to be payd in Boston at the shopp of Mr. Sheffe in merchantable goods or elsewhere accordingly as we shall agree in currant goods.

These particular payments amounting to the above written sume to be made in that time and according to that manner as is above set downe. I doe bind me, my heyres, executours and assignes to make and perform unto the forenamed George his heyres, executors or assignes, firmly by these presents.

In witness whereunto I have put to my hand and seale the day and year above written.

HENRY ADAMS.

In presence of

RALPH WHEELOCK.

REBECCA R WHEELOCK.

(her mark)

HIGHWAY.

"There is a highway laid out from the town, to run by the south plain fields, on the north side of the field as it is drawn, and to turn down the hill at the end of it, and, running before Henry Adams house, it is to turn over the brook between the house of Henry Adams and the mill; it is to be three rods broad; provided that Henry Adams, if he see cause, or his heirs, either on occasion of removing the mill or otherwise, to remove it from between the mill and his house and turn it over the brook about the end of the great hill. Henry Adams making it passable over the brook at his own charge either by bridge or otherwise."

This "highway from the town" followed the general direction of South Street, turning to the left near the present railroad crossing; thence on the line of Elm Street to Mill Brook.

Thomas Grubb was proposed by the selectmen, and was accepted by vote as a townsman, "to take up land according as others, provided he do not exceed for quantity what other men have taken up." He received twelve acres for a house-lot on the south side of the brook, opposite the residence of Mr. Sewall.

John Bullard received a house-lot of eight acres, southwest of John Ellis. His house stood nearly opposite the head of Spring Street.

John Plimpton had the next lot, and built his house where William Kingsbury now lives.

Next came John Metcalf's, bounded on the south-west by "the burying-place."

These three lots, like all the others on Main Street, lay on both sides of the highway,—the house on the north side, the fields on the south.

The first meadows laid out were those on the south side of Stop River, commencing at the point where it falls into Charles River, and so upstream. Next, North meadows, Bridge Street meadows, and the meadows above Dwight's Bridge were divided; lastly, Broad and Centre meadows.

John Thurston, George Barber, and Abraham Harding were authorized to lay out the necessary highways. In the highway work, those owning six-acre lots were to come with their hands; twelve-acre lots, with their teams; or, if they had no teams, to come three days for two. These highways were doubtless the necessary cart-roads to the meadows and other outlying lands.

Several persons who had been accepted as townsmen delayed settling here; and it was voted that after the last day of May, 1653, all such should be fined £1 a month for their delay, the rule to continue in force for a year.

August 20th, Edward Alleyne of Boston, next heir unto Edward Alleyne of Dedham, sold to John Frairy, cordwainer, for and in behalf of the town, for £34, all that upland and meadow land, three hundred and fifty acres, that was granted by the town of Dedham to Edward Alleyne. £18 to be paid in "2000 w't of Biskett," and security given for the payment of the remainder.

At a town-meeting in December, the town voted to lay out three hundred acres of "errible land" in the spring, including the South plain. The rule of division was by persons and estates, each person to be counted at "£10 per pole." No man, however, was to have less than four acres, and that "to lie together in that place where this division by God's Providence shall fall." This is in allusion to the practice of drawing lots for the location of lands.

Joseph Ellis was accepted as a townsman, he having purchased Benjamin Crane's six-acre lot.

Joseph Morse received a house-lot bounded on the south-east by Daniel Morse. This lot evidently lay along the southerly side of what is now Pound Street.

The town clerk commenced "a record of those that have died in the town of Medfield." The first entry was Dec. 14, 1652,—Thomas, son of John Wilson; an infant, born in the preceding month.

Timothy Dwight was chosen deputy (representative) from Medfield to the General Court.

George Barber, having been chosen by the inhabitants of Medfield oldest sergeant, was, upon the request of the deputy from that town, authorized to carry on the military exercises there.

£40 of the debt owed to the town of Dedham was raised by taxation, also £40 "towards the building of a new meeting-house." When the meeting-house was commenced, we have no means of knowing, but probably as early as the next spring.

Mr. Wilson's salary was fixed at £50 a year; to cover the expense of his removal and settlement here, he received for the first year £80.

1653. Selectmen, Ralph Wheelock, Robert Hinsdale, John Frairy, George Barber, Timothy Dwight, and Joshua Fisher. Ralph Wheelock was representative to the General Court. The ratable estates amounted to £4,689. John Plimpton had liberty to fell such trees on the brook as George Barber should appoint him for use about his house.

Even at this early date, our fathers were not forgetful of the interests of Harvard College. "Mr. whelock Chose to tak up Colidg Contribusion."

Thomas Thurston was accepted as a townsman, and was granted "six acces for His House lot of upland liing Adjoyning vnto His fathers Hous loote on the North este."

We have no knowledge of the size and appearance of the first meeting-house. Possibly, it was modelled after that at Dedham, which was thirty-six feet long, twenty wide, and

twelve high, with thatched roof. It stood where the Unitarian church now stands, on land reserved for town use, and was without doubt built in 1653.

Robert Mason was proposed as a townsman, and he was to have six acres lying east of Thomas Wight's lot, "in Case The town see fite to except of Him as a townsman." He was accepted, and lived in the locality mentioned, which was near the way leading from Green to Pine Street.

Certain men were chosen to "burn the woods." The old Indian practice was kept up for many years. The woods referred to lay in the outermost portions of the town, and were the "herd-walks," or common pastures for cattle. The fires were not allowed to come near buildings, and for this reason they became surrounded with bushes and small trees, which subsequently afforded lurking-places for the savages.

Fences were to be three feet six inches in height, 6d. fine for every defect, and payment of all damages after six days' warning.

Voted, That all who failed to be at the annual town-meeting by nine o'clock be fined 12d.

Owners of land were to erect bounds: "And in Cace That any neglect to set up Dools by stacks or fenches They shall paie 5s."

Ordered, That all swine above 2 mo old shall be Ringed By the 20 day of the first month next; and, in case any shall neglect to ring his swine acording to this order, He shal be liabl to pay 12 pence a week ... and all Damages They Doe besides.

South plain was laid out in long narrow strips, measuring from three to twenty acres each, abutting on the highway at the northerly end. These were drawn by lot. Land at "herd-house" plain, in the east part of the town, was granted. Thomas Wight had a grant "to be laid oute on the North plains, to begin at that end toward natick."

John Frairy had a grant of meadow "to Be laid out on stop river from the New Bridg Down streme on the west sid of the River." The bridge referred to is that on Noon

Hill Street, which till the present century bore the name of "Frairy's Bridge."

Granted to all The inhabitants That Have Ther House loots in The bachelors Roe That swamp that lieth at the North east end of Thir loots, . . . provided they shall low the High-way between The swamp & Thir lots 4 rood wid.

The "bachelors' row" was evidently on North Street, where William Partridge, Thomas Ellis, Thomas Mason, and Joseph Ellis, all unmarried men, had settled side by side.

A road was laid out from the south plain, "southward through the woods to Stop river." Traces of this old road may yet be seen on the farm of S. F. Turner; thence it crosses High Street, and appears again near the house of Samuel Woods; from there it crossed "planting field" toward Noon Hill.

There were thirty-nine proprietors among whom lands were divided this year, embracing all whose names have been given, except Benjamin Crane, who had sold out.

The first marriage recorded here was that of Thomas Mason and Margery Partridge, April 23, 1653. The marriage service was performed by Major Lusher, of Dedham. This was the first case of apostasy in the Bachelors' Row.

The first death among the original proprietors occurred this year,—that of John Wight, one of the youngest men of them all.

1654. Selectmen, John Frairy, Mr. Wheelock, Thomas Wight, George Barber, Benjamin Alby, and Timothy Dwight.

Voted, That in future the annual meeting be upon the first second day of the twelfth month; further, that the meeting commence at 9 o'clock, and not only those absent then were to pay a fine of 12d. but those absent the whole day were to be fined 3s. 9d.

Peter Adams, John Partridge, and Isaac Chenery were chosen to burn the woods. Three men were generally chosen for this service, one in each part of the town,—north, south, and west.

Voted, That there be "six days' work on the highways by the whole force of the town": four of them to be performed before "midsummer, or June 24."

In the erecting of a pownd, it is agreed that it be spedily set aboute, and that it shall be mad with six rails in heigt; the lenght of the rails 10 Feat with 4 lenghts on a sid on asquire, and with sufficient posts wroght according to the Descretion of Brother wight and brother Dwite, who are requested and Deputed for the Carring on of the work for the towne.

The pound was built by the brook near the meeting-house.

Brother wight and brother barber are requested and Deputed to procure sleepers & planks for the metting House ether by procuring planks sawen or to purchase them for the town.

It is to be inferred that the meeting-house was not finished in a single year.

Granted to sgt barbur 6 trees that lieth by the gret swamp falen & forfeited in to the towns Hand by liing so falen.

During this year, Samuel Morse died; also his son Joseph, who had not yet removed his family from Dorchester to this town.

1655. Selectmen, Thomas Wight, John Fussell, Benjamin Alby, Joshua Fisher, Daniel Morse, and Thomas Grubb.

The town voted £15 to establish "a schoule for the education of the children, to be raised by a rate according as men have taken up lands, and the rest of the maintenance to be raised upon the children that goe to schoule." Mr. Wheelock was the first schoolmaster.

John Pratt was accepted as a townsman, "the town being staid after lectur." Henry Glover had died, and Pratt succeeded to the possession of his homestead. A set of "messurs, waites, and scales" had been procured, and Benjamin Alby was chosen "clerk of the market for sizing and sealing waites and messurs."

• The town settled with Brother Wight for procuring glass for the meeting-house.

William Partridge, Daniel Morse, and John Warfield were chosen to burn the woods.

All swine above two months old were to be sufficiently "youked and ringed," under pain of fine and damages.

It seems that bipeds were also to be restrained, as this year the town provided for the construction of a pair of stocks.

John Thurston had liberty to make a bridge over Stop River, to come from his meadow in Dedham bounds. This was the bridge on South Street near Norfolk line, that territory then belonging to Dedham.

1656. Selectmen, Robert Hinsdale, John Thurston, Henry Smith, George Barber, Timothy Dwight, Daniel Morse, and Henry Adams.

The records for this year and for two years succeeding are very meagre: they, having been kept on sheets of paper merely stitched together, are now much defaced.

In 1656, the first marriage was solemnized by Medfield commissioners. Thomas Holbrook and Hannah Sheppard were married before Mr. Wheelock and Thomas Grubb.

1657. Selectmen, Timothy Dwight, Robert Hinsdale, John Thurston, George Barber, Daniel Morse, Henry Smith, and Henry Adams.

We read in contemporaneous history that "there is a village on the banks of Charles River containing forty families." We find this year in Medfield forty-one proprietors, including Abiel Wight, posthumous daughter of John.

The meeting-house was put in complete order. The "desk" was bought of John Hatton for £7 11s. Brother Bullen had 2s. 6d. for bringing it up, also 5s. 8d. for drawing timber and seats. The expense of making the seats was £13 5s. 1d. The town paid twenty-eight bushels of wheat at 4s. a bushel toward this work. The State tax was also paid in eighteen and one-half bushels of wheat.

John Pratt and Robert Mason paid 20s. in fines; but what offence against law and order they had committed is not stated.

1658. Selectmen, Thomas Wight, John Ellis, John Turner, Alexander Lovell, and Henry Adams.

The selectmen had leave "to dine at the ordinary, at the town's expense." This is the first mention of any place of public entertainment. Who kept the "ordinary" is unknown; though Joshua Fisher is called "innholder" in some old papers. A dinner annually at the town's expense was all the pay the selectmen of this town had for nearly two centuries. Thomas Wight, Jr., was accepted as a townsman.

In the town valuation, "Errible land" was reckoned at £2 per acre; meadows, £1; an ox, £5; a cow, £3.

Granted to Alexander Lovell a spot to set his house on and "cedar timber" to shingle his house.

20s. paid for sweeping the meeting-house and beating the drum. The drum was used to call the people together on the Sabbath and other public occasions.

Agreed with brother thurston to make the seats about the tabell in the meeting house and to seat the galiry, for which he is to have 30 shillings in wheat and the rest in other graine.

John Metcalf received a grant of a piece of land next to the burying-ground, he to make the division fence "at the time the town fence in the burying-ground." Robert Mason had liberty given him to "take cedar to mak singell for his house."

Each town had its peculiar brand for the cattle of the herds, so that stray animals might be identified. The following order was passed by the General Court,—

MF Itt is ordered that the marke, or letter, in the margent be the brand or marke for Meadfeild.

Daniel Morse this year removed to the "farms" west of Charles River, and became one of the founders of Sherborn. His homestead here was sold to Thomas Thurston. Thomas Boyden became a townsman, he having married the widow of Joseph Morse.

1659. Selectmen, Ralph Wheelock, Thomas Wight, Timothy Dwight, George Barber, Henry Smith, and Benjamin Alby.

In the colonial records for May 28, 1659, we read:—

In answer to petition of inhabitants of Medfield, the Court Judgeth it meete to graunt unto them as an addition to their former bounds, and at the west end thereof, two miles east and west, and fower miles north and south, provided it intrench not upon any former graunts, and that Capt. Lusher and Left. Fisher are hereby appointed to lay it out.

This territory is now embraced in the westerly part of Medway and Holliston, the line running across Winthrop's pond. It was voted that the "new grant" be divided according to persons and estates. The land was laid out for the most part in large parcels of from fifty to a hundred and fifty acres each.

The men at "the farms" had taken timber on our lands to use about their bridge, some of which was wasted. They were forbidden to take any more without leave. Voted, to build "a gallerry with two seats on the side of the meeting-house from one end gallery to the other"; and the town desired to know what the inhabitants at "the farms" would pay toward it. They attended church here until the Sherborn meeting-house was built, some years later.

It would seem that the meeting-house was oblong in shape, that the minister's desk was in the middle of one side, and that galleries had been built across each end. Now, a gallery wide enough for two seats or benches the entire length was to be built opposite the minister. It is possible that these "galleries" were simply platforms by which the seats were raised above the level of the floor. At least, it is said that other meeting-houses at that period were so built. Perhaps this new gallery was to accommodate the additional families that were now settling on the Sherborn side.

Henry Adams had a grant of land, described as near the "Iron ore," in the south-east part of the town. Some ore from this locality was carried to the furnace in later years.

"By a providence of God, the mill not affording a comforatal supply to the town," voted, to "see what can be done with Henry Adams about the mill." Drought, probably,

suggested the necessity of a mill-pond where a larger quantity of water could be stored.

1660. Selectmen, John Ellis, Thomas Wight, Joseph Clark, Edward Adams, George Barber, and Benjamin Alby. Henry Adams was Representative.

A number of copies of the "law-book" were distributed among the families, one being placed in each neighborhood. This distribution is interesting, as it helps to decide the location of the houses:—

One book at the Farms for the use of Nicolas Wood, Daniel Morse, Henry Leland, Thomas Holbrook, and Thomas Bass.

One book for George Fairbanks and those who live on that side of the river.

One book for Mr. Wheelock, John Ellis, John Bullard, and John Plimpton.

One book for John Frary, jr., Alexander Lovell, Nicolas Rockwood, and John Bowers.

One book for John Fussell, Jonathan Adams, Peter Adams, and Edward Adams.

One book for John Metcalf, Gershom Wheelock, Benjamin Alby, and Margaret Sheppard.

One book for John Frairy, Timothy Dwight, Thomas Wight, and Seargt. Barber.

One book for Joshua Fisher, John Thurston, John Thurston, jr., and John Fisher.

One book for Bro. Boyden, Henry Smith, Samuel Bullen, and Thomas Thurston.

One book for John Turner, Joseph Clark, James Allen, and Isaac Chenery.

One book for Sampson Frairy, John Partridge, Thomas Mason, and Thomas Ellis.

One book for William Partridge, John Pratt, Robert Mason, and Thomas Wight (jr.).

Benjamin Alby was at this date evidently living on the place formerly owned by Thomas Grubb, who had left town. John Fisher was the son of Joshua, and lived with him. Sampson Frairy is supposed to have lived at the foot of the hill on Railroad Street; John Partridge, on the corner of North and Railroad Streets, having doubtless bought the place of Joseph Ellis, who removed to Dedham.

The population in 1660 was two hundred and thirty-four, in forty-three families. Valuation, £6,119. The nine wealthiest men were: John Thurston, £281; Thomas Wight, £266; John Frairy, Jr., £264; John Frairy, Sen., £252; Henry Smith, £251; Timothy Dwight, £242; Robert Hinsdell, £201; Henry Adams, £197; Mr. Wheelock, £190.

The treasurer reported this year as a part of the resources of the town "fower shillings reseved in wampum."

The road to Dwight's Bridge was built by Dwight, for convenience of access to his meadows.

1661. Selectmen, Timothy Dwight, Thomas Wight, John Frairy, and Thomas Thurston.

George Barber was chosen town clerk, an office which he held twenty-two years.

It was agreed that "the town should low mr wilson three score pounds p annum, the farmes being not included."

The first proposition in regard to building a school-house was made.

The way over Stop River, at the lower bridge (now Noon Hill Street), was made a town way.

Mr. Wheelock, Joshua Fisher, John Thurston, and the selectmen were appointed to seat people in the meeting-house.

Every man was required to "have a ladder, whereby the top of his chimney may be conveniently reached," under penalty of 5s.

Many people through the country had been drowned by means of canoes; and, as a precaution, no person in this town was to make, or to have, any canoe, in any pond, brook, or river, except allowed by the selectmen, under penalty of 10s. fine.

Robert Hinsdale had brought up a bell for the use of the town; and, "it being proposed to the town whether they would buy the bell or not, which is in Goodman Hinsdale's hands," he offered to sell it for what it had cost him, or exchange it for land on Boggestow Brook. The town voted to

grant him forty-six acres of land in that locality. "The negative being put, but one ded aper."

Dwight's causey was made a town way.

1662. Selectmen, Thomas Wight, Timothy Dwight, John Thurston, Robert Hinsdale, and Henry Smith.

The town voted to have Charles River cleared; and "that all the medows that ar lay out upon Charles river within the first & second divion and Stop river so fare as our line goe shall lowe 3d. par acer towards the Clering and so to lowering of the said river."

Voted, That the meeting this day shall hould two howers after the time agreed on, which is by order of the town, till daylight shut.

Henirry Smith, John Bowers, and Samervell wight ar Chosen to burn the woods in there sevral parts of the town as they live.

Ordered, "Inprimis: the herd on that part of the town commonly called Bridge Street to be kept only on the southwest side of Charles river on those lands granted by the country.

"zly, The herd on the north part of the town to be kept onely on that tract of land which lieth on the north side of the town between Charles river and the cartway leading to Dedham.

"3ly, The herd on the southeast side of the town to have their walke on the south and southeast part of the town to the cartway leading to Dedham.

"And, in case any of the above said herds shal be found in any other walk than their own accoring as is above specified, the owners of all and every such herd or the heardsman shall paye as a fine to the use of the towne 6s. 8d. for every time they shall be found so trancgrassing; and in cause of none payment upon reasonable Demand on eyther shall be lawful for the Constuble by warrant under the selectmen's hands to strain the cattell or any other goodes of the sd herd or heards or the heardsmans Cattell or other goods."

Some persons had cut down trees, and left them across the highways: every such offence was to be punished by a fine of 5s.

1663. Selectmen, Thomas Wight, Timothy Dwight, Henry Smith, Thomas Thurston, and George Barber.

Ralph Wheelock, Representative.

Voted, That the "generall metting should hould one Candell burning longer than the days light shuting."

John Elice is agree with to kep the metting Clere for the yere, and to have twenty shillings for his payns.

Ordered, that the Cartway leading to the meadows up streame Charles river on Stop river side, from the end of the Cauncie to the line between Dedham and us, shall be made and maintained by the town and for the town's use.

This was probably the original "Jadewalk" road, some distance westward of the present location.

A town highway to Harbor Island was laid out.

Granted to Henry Adams a persell of land at the uper end of his mill pond, as may be convenient for the seting of a mill for the towns use, provided he doe it within one yere.

Adams had concluded to remove his mill to a spot back of his house, where, by building a dam of five feet, he could flow territory enough to insure a supply of water. That dam is still plainly visible; and a piece of the original mud-sill was taken out a few years since in good preservation.

Lists of persons and estates were carefully made out as a basis for the division of the swamp lands, in which it is shown that the population was 261, with 49 voters. Valuation of estates in the town, £8,010.

George Barber beat the drum this year, for which he had four bushels and three pecks of "Enden corne."

Lieut. Fisher, of Dedham, had been employed as surveyor in laying out the swamps. An Indian, named Absalom, assisted in the work.

Delivered aboard John Medcalfs Cart for Leut. Fisher of Dedham in part of payment for his work in laying out of the swamps, 22 bushells and one peck of Enden corn at 3s. per bushell and one Bushell of Rie at 4s. p bushell. The sme is £3 10s. 9d. payed to Enden Absalon: 2 bushells of Enden Corn, 6s.; munny pay to absolom, 4s. 6d.

A petition was sent to the General Court, desiring that the crown may continue the present form of government, signed by forty-five residents of Medfield and the farms. Charles II. had recently been restored; and the tendency of his policy was feared.

1664. Selectmen, Thomas Wight, John Thurston, Timothy Dwight, and Henry Adams.

Ralph Wheelock, Representative.

Action was taken in regard to building "some adishon to the meetinghouse." We have none of the details of this project, except a bill afterwards for materials and labor, and the information that a rate or tax was made for this "adishon."

The wasteful use of wood and timber called forth the following :—

Whoever falls any younge Okes, ayther whight, rid, or black oke, above fower enches over at the stube for fencing, except such as are fit for nothing but fencing, shall forfeit one shill. for every tree soe felled.

And no person was to be allowed to take timber out of town to sell without permit from the selectmen, or to fence meadow lands with wood where a ditch would answer the same purpose.

Blackbirds having become very numerous and destructive, the town offered sixpence a dozen for their heads. It is said that the common kinds of birds were comparatively scarce at first, but they greatly multiplied about the settlements in a few years. The same was true of squirrels, woodchucks, etc.

1665. Selectmen, Thomas Wight, Sen., Henry Adams, Timothy Dwight, and Henry Smith.

Henry Adams, Representative.

An agreement was made with John Pratt and Robert Mason to shingle "the new end of the metting house, and the sid of the old house next to the new end at 16s. a thousant, to be done before the 15 of June, 1665." From all that we can gather, we infer that the addition was in the form of a projection or L on one side of the original building.

Glass was furnished at an expense of £1 15s.

John Bullard thatched the two gutters at the meeting-house, "between the old house and the new end."

The selectmen made very thorough work in settling with John Turner, clearing all accounts "from the beginning of the wourld unto this day, as well for killing of woolfes as for other things."

1666. Selectmen, Henry Adams, Thomas Wight, Sen., John Turner, and William Partridge.

Ralph Wheelock, Representative.

Certain lands were set aside for the use of the ministry, including the field at the north of Dale Street, which remained as a church lot for many years.

The selectmen were authorized to let out the burying-place "for the subduing of it and making it more fit for the use that it is appointed for."

Ordered, that thear shall be a schoole house Bulled as spedely as may be, and Thomas Wight, sen., and George Barbur ar desired and Deputed to take som care about it, the lenth shall be: 18: foot & fourteen foot wide.

1667. Selectmen, Thomas Wight, Sen., Timothy Dwight, Henry Smith, and Thomas Thurston.

Ralph Wheelock, Representative.

The valuation this year rated improved land £2 10s. per acre ; meadow, £3 ; oxen, £5 10s. each ; cows, £4 ; three-year-olds, £3 ; two-year-olds, £2 ; yearlings, £1 ; horses, £5.

The selectmen settled with Henry Smith, whose account included laying the meeting-house floor, and "kiling 15 Duzen black burds."

It would seem by the records for this year that a tax had been levied upon the town for the support of "the College."

About this time, the glowing accounts of the fertility of the Connecticut Valley induced many of the settlers in this region to remove thither. Among those who left this town for that purpose were Robert Hinsdale and his sons, John Plimpton, Samuel and Eleazar Frairy, and some others. There is no reference to the fact in Medfield records, except in a single instance, when "the lot that was Robert Hinsdale's" is mentioned.

1668. Selectmen, Thomas Wight, Sen., John Thurston, Sen., John Turner, and John Frairy, Jr.

George Barber, Representative.

Voted, That hereafter the selectmen shall report at town-meeting all the receipts and expenditures of the town from year to year.

The voters were desirous of placing some restrictions upon the powers of the selectmen. This was non-concurred in by Mr. Wheelock, Mr. Wilson, "old John Frairy," and some others.

Twelve hundred acres of woodlands were laid out in three localities,—one toward Natick, on Charles River; another west of Charles River; another west of Stop River. All proprietors were to have land in each place. The lands were to be free for the herds, however, until they were fenced by the owners.

Mr. Wheelock was employed to keep a school, for such of the youth as should come to him to learn to read and write, for the salary of ten shillings a week.

Isaac Chenery brought in a bill "for a day's work with his team in carting stones to the brook at the foot of the hill towards the southplain." This is the first mention of a bridge over the brook on South Street.

The town paid a bill to "Edward Drinker for Mr. Wheelock's diet." This was the Representative's board bill in Boston.

The colonial records for 1668 state that "Timothy Dwight, on account of defective eyesight, and at his own request, is discharged from further duty as lieutenant at Medfield."

The town paid 4*s.* 3*d.* for "digging a sawing-Peet."

1669. Selectmen, Thomas Wight, Sen., John Thurston, Sen., John Turner, John Frairy, Jr., and George Barber.

George Barber, Representative.

A committee was chosen "to joyne with such of our Bretheren of mendon as should be sent from mendon for the settleing of the common rode way from Town to Town, acording as the Law provid in that case."

The tax for the "Collidge" amounted to £2 4s. 2d.

The Select men, being forced to take notis of the uncomfortable Jeres and Deffrances between the inhabytance of Bridg stret and John Frairy, juner, about the hearing of their cattell, Doe, for the preventing of the like differances for the time to com, hereby aquit and discharge the said John Frairy from the former order, concerning the putting of his cattell to Bredg street heard, untill such time as the above said inhabytance of Bredg street shall fully and duly attend the Towne order concerning shear herds walk.

Granted to Danell Morse Liberty to bulld a shed or house for to set his horse or the like in on Sabbath days.

Granted to Samuel Rockwood a smal pcell of Land ling on the South east sid of the brook against his tanfats.

Rockwood had set up the tanning business near the crossing on Railroad Street.

1670. Selectmen, Thomas Wight, Henry Smith, Timothy Dwight, John Turner, and George Barber.

Four hundred acres more of town land divided this year.

Voted, That "the Littell plaine lying between the houses of Thos. Boyden, Thos. Thurston, Samuel Bulling, Joseph Clark, Senior, James Allen, Isaak Chenry, and Henry Smith, be hereby stated common for ever."

This is the field on South Street, to this day called the "common piece," owned by F. D. Hamant.

Seven of the most prominent townsmen were chosen "to seate the ps ons in the meeting house."

The selectmen paid Nathaniel Whiting 2s. 1d. for a "bell wheel"; Thomas Wight, "for hemp and the bell rope making," 1s. 6d.; Daniel Weld, for ringing the bell and cleaning the meeting-house, £1 18s. 3d.

1671. Selectmen, Thomas Wight, Timothy Dwight, John Thurston, Sen., and John Metcalf.

Whereas it apereth by experiance that som Townes have bene Soe prejudiced by the entertainment of ps ons privitly, & without there alloweance as charges, offences or scandell have insued, thereby occasioning them to make provision for there futer Indempintis there in, and it being evident that our Towne is as Lyable to as great or greater inconveniences in that mature as other towns are,

Ordered that no one sell or let lands or houses in this town to any one not an inhabitant; and that no one hire any person from out of town as a servant for a longer time than two months without permission from the selectmen, unless the person so selling, letting, hiring, or contracting, should give security for the town's indemnity. Neglect to comply with this order was to be punished by a fine of 20s.

£2 10s. was paid for the town's stock of powder.

Some measures were proposed to prevent damage by sheep, which were said to be running on the commons without a keeper.

1672. Selectmen, Thomas Wight, Timothy Dwight, Henry Smith, and John Metcalf.

John Awashamog, of Natick, made claim to our lands west of Charles River; and a committee of five was appointed to treat with him. The record of their doings is briefly expressed: "The Endians pay was £21 4s., all moste a fift part raised on the new grant."

A cart bridge was ordered over the brook by Samuel Rockwood's house. This was near the place of the present bridge on Railroad Street.

The school kept seventeen weeks, and the school tax was £8 7s. 2d. Three scholars came from out of town to attend school here,—"capt willets son, mr. Hokers sone, and mr. Pages sone."

The Selectmen, taking notis of the great Disorder of severall of the joyuth in & about the Towne in ther excessive & Disorderly riding two and againe in the Towne to the haszard of themselves & there horses, as all soe severall times other psons in ther travells up and Downe the streets and espeachally on the Lords dayes, for the prevention whereof for time to come,—

The Select men Doth heerby order and Declare that, if any p.rson What soever Liveing in or about the Towne shall ride a gallup espeachally on the Lords dayes in any of the streets or high wayes in the Towne, every such pson soe ofending shall pay as a fine three shillings & sixpence to the use of the Towne for every time he or they shall be found trancgrasing this order.

In 1672, "a post to goe monthly from New York to Boston" was established. It went by way of Hartford, one

of the routes to which from Boston lay through Medfield. Even in late years, the road from Brastow's bridge westward, toward Medway village, has been familiarly known as "the old post road."

1673. Selectmen, Thomas Wight, Timothy Dwight, John Metcalf, Henry Smith, and George Barber. Henry Adams was appointed by the General Court as lieutenant or principal military officer in the town.

A new sawmill was to be built, evidently in the north part of the town; probably the mill that anciently stood near the present railroad junction.

Ordered that a ladder be provided, to be kept at the meeting-house; any person taking it away to be fined 5s.

Mention was made again of the practice of racing horses in the streets, even on the Lord's day, and at the very meeting-house door, to the endangering of elderly persons and the great annoyance of others.

A tax was levied, called the "Castle rate." Medfield's proportion was £19 12s. 4d.

The school rate was £17 6s. 4d.

Among other notices found in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds are the following:—

Joseph Rocklid of Medfield took up a stray horse the 26th of se'nd, 1673: vizi., a whitish gray horse branded upon the neere shoulder with a mark unknown, also the tip of the offe Eare cut ofe, and two white hoofs behinde,—this hath been cryed according to law.

There is in the hands of Benjamin Wheelock of Medfield a Brown bay mare with a coult by her side, the mare markt with a slitt on the tip of the neere Ear, also a little peace cut out of the side of the same ear, also branded on the neere buttock with a mark unknown, taken up on the 12th of January last, apprised by William Cheney and John Partridge in twenty-five shillings.

SAMUEL WIGHT, *Constable.*

1674. Selectmen, Henry Adams, Timothy Dwight, Thomas Wight, Henry Smith, and George Barber.

Henry Adams, Representative.

The town of Wrentham had been organized. Accordingly, we find in the records references to "Wrentom

line." Joseph Allen received a grant of land on the Natick road, now known as the Allen homestead, near Castle Hill. "A payer of new stocks" was made for the town by John Metcalf.

1675. Selectmen, Henry Adams, John Metcalf, John Harding, John Ellis, and George Barber.

Henry Adams, Representative.

John Thurston, Sen., was to keep school awhile on trial, and to have 10s. a week; if any would pay money, he would take 7s.

"The olld meting house" was shingled, probably on the walls. Joseph Warren had a bill for work in covering the north side. There was an account of thatching done at the meeting-house at the same time.

Fears of an Indian war began to be felt, and the town paid for powder and bullets £6 11s.; for "the great gun," £8 19s. This was, no doubt, the cannon that frightened away the Indians the following year.

Gates were made at the meeting-house. A road was laid out from Bridge Street, known for many years as the "bottom road." Sixty-two persons in Medfield and at the farms subscribed to the "new brick college." The amount was £25 1s. The subscriptions were as follows:—

Mr. John Wilson, £2.

Mr. Ralph Wheelock, 2 bushells of Endian Corne.

Thomas Wight, sr., 4 bush. Corn, of which 3s. in money.

John Frairy, sr., 4 bushelles of Endian Corn.

Henry Smith, 8s. in mony, and in Corne 2 bushells.

Timothy Dwight, ten shillings.

William Partredg, 1 bushell off Endian Corne.

John Prat, 1 bush. of Endian Corne and a halfe.

John Bowers, in mony, one shilling.

Thomas Mason, 1 bush. Endian Corne and a half.

Thomas Elice, 1 bush. Endian Corne and a half.

Nathaniell Whiting, 1 bush. off Endian Corne.

Ephraim Wight, 2 bushells of Endian Corne.

Thomas Thurston, 3 bush. corn & 1 shill. in money.

Joseph Cheney, 1 bush. corn.

Edward West, 2 bushelles of Endian Corne.

Benjamin Clark, 1 bush. Corn.

Benjamin Wheelock, 1 bush. Corn.
Samuel Bulling, 1 bush. Corn.
Thomas Boyden, 1 bushell of Wheat.
Ephraim Clark, 1 bush. Corn.
John Turner, sr., 2 bushelles of Corne.
Samuel Smith, 2 bushelles of Corne.
Samuel Barber, 1 bush. Corn.
Samuel Rockwood, 1 bush. Corn.
John Bulling, in mony, one shilling.
John Elice, jr., 1 bush. Corn.
John Bullard, 1 bushelle of Corne and a half.
Gamaliel Hinsdale, 2 bushels of Corn.
Nathaniel Sutlife, in silver, one shilling.
John Metcalf, 2 bush. corn & 1s. in money.
Benjamin Rockwood, in money, one shilling.
Alexander Lovel, 1 bush. corn.
John Harding, in mony, two shillings.
Nicholas Rockwood, 1½ bush. Corn & 1 bush. Wheat.
John Bowers, sr., 2 bush. Corn.
Elizabeth Frairy, in mony, five shillings.
George Barber, 1 bush. corn, and 3s. in mony.
Joshua Fisher, sr., 1½ bush. Corn, 3s. 6d. in mony.
Joshua Fisher, jr., 2 bush. corn, & 1s. in mony.
John Plimpton, sr., 2 bushells corn.
John Thurston, jr., 3 bush. corn.
George Fairbanks, jr., in mony, one shilling.
Samuel Wight, 1 bush. Corn.
Daniel Morse, sr., 3 bush. Corn.
Obady Morse, in mony, 1s. 6d.
Daniel Morse, jr., 1 bush. Corn.
Jonathan Morse, in mony, two shillings.
John Peery, 1 bush. Corn.
Samuel Bulling, sr., 2 bush. Corn, & 3s. in mony.
Ephraim Bulling, in mony, one shilling.
Elisha Bulling, in mony, one shilling.
Benjamin Bullard, 2 bush. Corn.
Joseph Danielles, 1 bush. Corn, 1s. 6d. in mony.
Mary Fairbanks, in mony, one shilling.
Henry Leland, in mony, 3 shillings.
Joseph Morse, in mony, one shilling.
John Ellice, sr., 1 bush. Wheat.
Thomas Wight, jr., 1 bush. Corn.
Joseph Clark, sr., 2 bush. Corn.
Eliezer Adams, 1 bush. Corn.
Seth Smith, 1 bush. Corn.
George Barber, in name of the selectmen, £5.

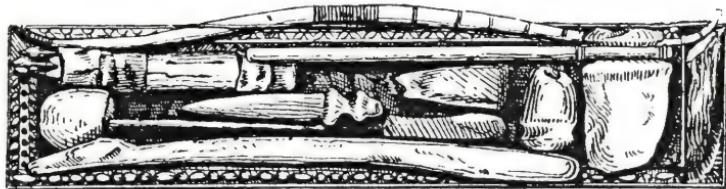
The colonial authorities levied a tax for carrying on the Indian war, and Medfield's proportion was £27 11s. 3d.

The proprietors voted this year to divide six hundred acres of the common lands among them. The following is the complete list of proprietors at this time, which is important, from the fact that it was made up only a few months before the burning of the town. Some of those here named were young men who owned no house:—

PROPRIETORS OF 1675.

Edward Adams.	Benjamin Fisk.
Eleazar Adams.	Prudence Frairy.
Henry Adams.	Francis Hamant.
Jonathan Adams.	Abraham Harding.
Peter Adams.	John Harding.
James Allen.	Alexander Lovell.
James Allen, Jr.	Robert Mason.
John Allen.	Thomas Mason.
Joseph Allen.	John Metcalf, Sen.
William Allen.	John Metcalf, Jr.
George Barber.	Michael Metcalf.
John Barber.	Jeremiah Morse.
Samuel Barber.	Joseph Morse.
Jonathan Boyden.	Samuel Morse.
Thomas Boyden.	John Partridge.
John Bowers, Sen.	William Partridge.
John Bowers, Jr.	John Plimpton.
John Bullard.	John Pratt.
Joseph Bullard.	Josiah Rockwood.
John Bullen.	Nicolas Rockwood.
Joseph Bullen.	Samuel Rockwood.
Samuel Bullen.	Margaret Sheppard.
Peter Callye.	Henry Smith.
Joseph Cheney.	Seth Smith.
William Cheney.	Daniel Thurston.
Benjamin Clark.	John Thurston.
Ephraim Clark.	Thomas Thurston.
Joseph Clark, Sen.	John Turner.
Joseph Clark, Jr.	John Warfield.
Joseph Daniel.	Joseph Warren.
Timothy Dwight.	Edward West.
Elizabeth Dyer.	Nathaniel Whiting.
John Ellis, Sen.	Benjamin Wheelock.
John Ellis, Jr.	Gershom Wheelock.
Thomas Ellis.	Mr. Ralph Wheelock.
George Fairbanks, Jr.	Ephraim Wight.
John Fisher.	Samuel Wight.
Heirs of Joshua Fisher.	Thomas Wight.
Mr. John Wilson.	

CHAPTER VII.



KING PHILIP'S WAR AND THE BURNING OF MEDFIELD.

METACOM, son of Massasoit, called Philip by the English, on his accession professed himself friendly to the white settlers. It was soon evident, however, that he entertained hostile designs. Philip doubtless saw that, if the white settlements continued to extend, the days of aboriginal supremacy were numbered. He resolved to unite all the Indian tribes in this region for a general war against the English. He matured his plans, and in 1675 a great gathering of warriors took place near Wachusett Mountain.

The colonists were not ignorant of their danger; and, in the General Court, many acts were passed having reference to the expected conflict. The dwellers in the outlying settlements began to take alarm. Some of those at Mendon, then the only settlement between Medfield and the Indian country, left their homes for places of greater security.

The first actual hostilities commenced at Swansey, June 24; and several persons were killed. Other towns in Plymouth Colony were attacked during the summer. July 14, four or five persons of those who had remained at Mendon were slain, when the place was abandoned, and the empty houses burned by the enemy. From that time, Medfield was the outermost town.

In the autumn, the war raged in the Connecticut Valley,

and several towns were attacked. September 18, the slaughter at Bloody Brook took place, and Robert Hinsdale of Medfield was killed, together with his three sons.

Later in the season, it was discovered that the Indians were gathering in great force at a fortified place in the midst of an extensive swamp in Rhode Island, where they were laying in stores, preparatory to a desperate onslaught upon the colonists in the spring. It was proposed to attack them at once in this stronghold, and break their power, if possible, before they were ready to begin their devastating work. The allied Colonies of Massachusetts, Plymouth, and Connecticut raised a force of a thousand men for this service. The men were impressed. A summons was left at the house of every drafted man, who was to report for duty the next morning. If any failed to appear, some other member of his family must take his place. November 30, the officers reported that the men had been raised and equipped, and were ready to march. The Massachusetts force, in six companies, was mustered on Dedham plain, December 9. Snow had already fallen, the weather was cold, and no time was to be lost. The next day they marched; and were joined by the Plymouth men and the troops from Connecticut at the place of rendezvous at North Kingston, R.I. They advanced at once through the deep snow toward the enemy's stronghold.

After spending the night of the 18th without any shelter, the cold being so intense that some of the men had their hands and feet frozen, the memorable attack was made, led by the Massachusetts men. The stockade was surrounded by a deep ditch, crossed, apparently, only by a single log, slippery with ice and snow, and swept by the enemy's fire. When the order was given for the charge, there was a race through the swamp for the honor of being the first man upon that log. The race was said to have been won by a soldier from Salem. As the men rushed forward, great numbers of them were picked off by the fire of the enemy within. Meanwhile, a friendly Indian led the way around to another and secret passage, and our troops entered the

fort. Then came a hand to hand fight with the Indians, which lasted for three hours, resulting in their total rout. The stockade was then burnt, together with the wigwams and huts. About a thousand Indians perished in this contest. Eighty of the whites were killed, and a hundred and fifty wounded; six captains were slain. An exploit more daring can scarcely be found in the history of warfare.

Could this victory have been properly followed up, the power of Philip would have been utterly broken; but, owing to the deep snow, the great number of wounded men, and the exhaustion of our soldiers for want of provisions in that wilderness, they were obliged to abandon the pursuit and return home. The Massachusetts men arrived at Boston on the 5th of February.

The Indians broke up into small bands, and prepared to fall upon any distant and defenceless settlement.

On the 10th of February, they attacked Lancaster, left it a smouldering ruin, and carried captive its inhabitants. As soon as the news of that disaster reached Medfield, Mr. Wilson, perceiving the imminent danger of this town, wrote the following letter to the Governor and Council. The letter, in the original handwriting, is preserved in the State archives:—

HONORED SRS,— Prostrating my humble service vnto your Honors, I had not bin so bold (being so vnfit as I am,) to send these rude lines at present vnto you, while you are so busyed on the weighty concernes, and sad occasions respecting the Commonwealth and churches of God. But that wh. I haue to write is about the same things wch yourselfes, as the honored fathers of the country are taken vp with, studying night and day to compasse w^t is most expedient and expeditious for the good and safety of the whole. Captain Oakes, coming fro Marlborough to our towne this second day night, we understand by him, (who lately came fro the grizely sight of the ruines of Lancaster,) of the imminent danger yt not only Malborough was in whⁿ he left them, but also of the towne of Medfeild, with the village of Sherborne on the other syde of the river, the common enemy (as he understands) bending towards Nipmuck, Sherborne also, by his and the reports of others being threatened next Thursday. Honored Srs, I write in the behalf of the towne. It is our humble request that your Honors would consider us in this juncture of time. We have not till now made such a motion as this, and could be

glad y^r were not such an occasion. Our towne is a frontier towne. The loss of Mendham hath disadvantaged vs. The losse of Medfeild will be a very greate blow; what will become of the city if the hands of the country grow feeble.

Now the rode from Nipmuck is fair for these caniballs, be pleased for God's sake to remember us, and let some considerable sufficient force be sent to vs for our speedy releife, before it be to late, by the soonest, by the soonest that possibly can be, lest Medfeild be turned into ashes and the smoke of it amaze such y^t shall behold it; Oh, let not one day passe without preparations herevnto, tho they come in the night. Captin Oakes is not constantly with us, but is in severall motions fro hence to Marlborough, and thro' some difficultyes he meetes with in regard to fodder for horses, w^{ch} is very scarce, would be glad your Honors would signify further of your minds w^t he should do; and by these meanes we haue no certain helpe at hand.

Not further to trouble your Honors, but hoping your compassionate hearts will and do consider us, humbly returne our hearty thankefullnesse and acknowledgemts for your vndeserved favour in sending out forces to visit us, and to scout about for discouery of our dangers, humbly begging the continuall assistance of the Almighty to be with you in all y^r weighty concernes y^t ly on yor hands, and smiles of the Lord's divine fauor on his poore distressed people.

So prays

Your Honors' humble servant,

JOHN WILSON.

Feb. 14th 75.

Medfeild.

This letter was written on Monday, one week before the savages fell upon the town. Governor Leverett responded by sending at once Captain Jacobs and his company of eighty men, who probably arrived here about the middle of the week. Captain Oakes, said to have been in command of a company of twenty horsemen, was also here. Besides these, Captain Gibbs, of Watertown, is mentioned as being here. About seventy-five of the inhabitants of the town were men capable of bearing arms at this time.

Hubbard mentions an incident which shows the excitement and apprehension that existed during those few days, as well as the current belief in omens and precursors :—

The week before the attack upon Medfield there was heard a very hideous cry of a kennel of wolves round the town, which raised some of the inhabitants, and was looked upon by divers as an ominous presaging of the following calamity.

The forces which had been sent hither were scattered throughout the town, having been billeted at the different houses. It is said that on Sunday, the 20th, Mr. Wilson warned the people to be vigilant against surprise; but the presence of so large a force of soldiery seems to have given them too great a sense of security. Tradition has it that, when the people came out of the meeting-house on that Sunday, they saw Indians on Noon Hill and Mount Nebo. This is not impossible, as both eminences are in full view from the village; but it is understood that the savages came upon the town from a westerly direction. The scouting parties probably knew that they were in the neighborhood; and perhaps a few stragglers were in the town, prowling about the woods that day.

It appears most likely that a guard was kept through the night; and, as daylight appeared, supposing danger passed, it was taken off. But, during the darkness of the night, the Indians had crept stealthily among trees and bushes growing upon the unimproved land adjoining the homesteads, and, secreting themselves, were in readiness to attack every part of the town at a given signal. They then apparently waited for the guard to turn in at day-break, when a general conflagration was to commence, and men, women, and children were to be massacred or made captives as they attempted to fly from their burning dwellings.

The fire first broke forth from the house of Samuel Morse, who lived about fifty rods eastward of the junction of Main and Pound Streets. He had risen early that Monday morning, and went out to the barn to feed his cattle. In doing this, he discovered an Indian hidden in the hay. He hastily turned his cattle out of the barn, took his family and fled to the garrison. No sooner had he done so than his buildings were on fire. This seemed to be a signal for the burning to commence, and in every direction the flames arose.

It has been thought that this discovery of the Indian in the hay, and the certainty that Samuel Morse would at once

sound the alarm, caused the signal to be prematurely given. Had the savages been allowed a little more time to perfect their plans, many more homesteads would have been invested, and would have shared a common fate.

LIST OF THOSE WHOSE BUILDINGS WERE BURNED.

Samuel Morse.	Samuel Bullen.
Henry Adams.	Thomas Thurston.
Eleazer Adams.	John Fisher.
Samuel Wight.	Thomas Mason.
Joseph Warren.	Robert Mason.
John Partridge.	John Bowers, Sen.
Thomas Wight.	John Bowers, Jr.
Nathaniel Whiting.	John Fussell.
Nicolas Rockwood.	Peter Adams.
Alexander Lovell.	Samuel Barber.
Edward Adams.	Gershom Wheelock.
Samuel Sheppard.	Michael Metcalf.
Joseph Bullard.	Joseph Daniel.
James Allen, Jr.	William Allen.
William Cheney.	George Fairbanks, Jr.
Benjamin Clark.	Jonathan Adams.

The last four were on the west side of Charles River.

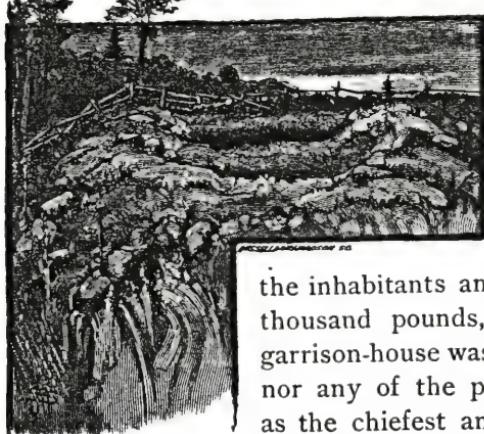
Thirty-two houses, besides barns, two mills, and other buildings, were burned. As near as can now be ascertained, about the same number of houses remained standing.

Hubbard, minister at Ipswich, who wrote an account of the event two years afterward, says that "near half the town was burnt"; also that "generally, when out-houses were burnt, the cattle were burnt also. A poor old man of near a hundred years old was burnt in one of the houses. Two mills were burnt," and "forty or fifty houses and barns."

There were several garrison houses or forts in the town. One is said to have been on Main Street, where Bradford Curtis now lives. Another was in the easterly part, near the termination of Foundry Street, remains of which are still plainly visible. There was one also on the west side, near Boggestow Pond, built by nine men in that vicinity.

Besides these is tradition of one on North Street, opposite the head of Dale Street, and another at the north end, on the estate owned by Lorenzo Harding.

There is no reference to either of them in our records; and it is likely that some of them, at least, were built at a later date.



SITE OF FORT, PHILIP STREET.

Hubbard observes that "the loss sustained by the inhabitants amounted to above two thousand pounds," but "that never a garrison-house was lost in this surprisal, nor any of the principal dwellings, so as the chiefest and best of their buildings escaped the fury of the enemy."

LIST OF THOSE WHO WERE KILLED.

Henry Adams, shot in the door of his house. *brother of*

John Fussell, perished in the burning of his house.

John Bowers, Sen.

John Bowers, Jr.

Thomas Masop, Sen.

Thomas Mason, Jr., and Zachary Mason, aged fifteen and thirteen years.

Margaret Thurston, aged seven.

Samuel Thurston, a year and a half old.

Elisabeth Smith, killed near the junction of South and Pound Streets, while fleeing with her infant child to the garrison. The child, left for dead, recovered.

Jonathan Wood, of Sherborn.

William Williams and John Hooper, soldiers from Boston.

Edward Jackson, soldier from Cambridge.

Timothy Dwight, mortally wounded.

Daniel Clark, mortally wounded.

Elisabeth Adams was mortally wounded by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of one of our soldiers. *Wife*

The author above quoted says: "Some were killed as they attempted to fly to their neighbors for shelter. Some were

only wounded, and some taken alive and carried off captives ; in some houses the husband running away with one child, the wife with another, of whom the one was killed, the other escaped. There were slain and mortally wounded seventeen or eighteen persons, besides others dangerously hurt."

As soon as the people were aroused to the perils which threatened, the cannon was fired as a signal to Dedham. After the second firing of this "greate gune," a panic seized the Indians ; and they hastily retreated across the bridge over Charles River, setting the bridge on fire at one end to hinder our soldiers from pursuing them. Upon a hill west of the river, in full view of the smoking ruins, they roasted an ox, and held a savage feast. We know too well what such a feast often meant to the poor captives that had fallen into their hands, but we have no record of any such horrid barbarities being practised in this case.

The historians of the period tell us that the Indians lost some of their warriors in the attack.

On one of the posts of the bridge, they placed the following notice :—

Know by this paper that the Indians that thou hast provoked to wrath and anger will war these twenty-one years, if you will. There are many Indians yett. We come three hundred at this time. You must consider that the Indians loose nothing but their lives, you must loose your fair houses and cattle.

This notice is supposed to have been the work of an Indian called James-the-printer. He had been taken when a child, and educated. Afterward, he was apprenticed to the printer's trade. When Philip's war commenced, he ran away from his employer, and joined the enemy to fight against the English. He afterward returned, and was pardoned.

No buildings were burned east of the meeting-house nearer than Benjamin Clark's, opposite the corner of Main and Pound Streets. On the south side of the village, two houses were burned between Pound and Philip Streets. All the houses on Bridge Street, and two on the road to Harbor Island, were destroyed. The house of Joseph Allen, near

Castle Hill, was set on fire, but was not consumed. All the other houses in that neighborhood were burned. On the west side of the river, Abraham Harding had raised a new house, said to have been the first frame-house on that side. The Indians passed farther north on their way to and from the bridge, and the new house escaped.

Isaac Chenery, one of the earliest settlers in this town, had removed, and lived at this time within the bounds of Dedham, near Medfield line, at the extremity of what is now Foundry Street. There is a tradition that, having seen the Indians lurking about his place, he took his wife and children in the darkness of the night, and secreted them under a great rock at some distance from his house. Coming back alone about the break of day, he saw the savages preparing to fire his buildings. He moved forward, and, beckoning to imaginary soldiers behind him, shouted, "Come on, boys, there they are!" which so alarmed the Indians that they fled; and his house and barn were saved.

On the evening of this day, the following letter was sent to the Governor and Council :—

HONORED S^r,

in a hurry hast: you may please to understand that on the 2^d day morning early, we were beset wth Indians a greate number to our amazement although we had considerable watches: I thinke about halfe the towne is fired: many wounded, severall slayne, after we had fyred: our greate gun twice for to warne dedham of our danger & anoth^r it startled the Indians, at last after much spoyle y^r ran over the bridge, fired it as y^r left it, ran to sherborne fired the rounds. we hope George fairbanks pallisade y^r safe. w^t the rest we know not are not wthout an expectation of the tomorrow morning, it is thought y^r lay the way at dedham rode by those y^t came fr^o theure this night to se how it was wth us, so y^t dedham is not wthout greate danger; y^r is greate neede of helpe suddenly to keepe our town, or to follow them if quite gone. 2 mills burnt

Your honors' humble
servants

JOHN WILSON
EDWARD OAKES
JOHN JACOB
GEORGE BARBER:

By our guess nigh a 1000 Indians.

In answer to this appeal for help, we learn from the rolls in the Secretary's office that Captain William Turner

marched from Boston to Medfield, February 22, with sixty-four men. Thence, leaving one of his men here sick, he went on to Marlborough. Of the two mills referred to, one was that of Henry Adams: the other was probably on Boggestow Brook.

Drake, in the *Book of the Indians*, says that the assault on Medfield was made under the command of Monaco, or "one-eyed John," as he was called. Hubbard relates that soon after this Monaco made a boast at Groton that he had burned Lancaster and Medfield, was then burning Groton, and that he would next burn Chelmsford, Concord, Watertown, Cambridge, Roxbury, and Boston; adding, "What me will, me do." He did not carry out his programme entirely, being taken prisoner and carried to Boston, where he was hanged on the 26th of the following September. The total destruction of property here by the assault has been estimated at \$9,000. The loss of life included several esteemed citizens; among them, two, Henry Adams and Timothy Dwight, who had been prominent in all town affairs from the year of its settlement.

Mr. Wilson's house was opened to receive and care for the wounded, as we learn from the following account to the General Court:—

A note of some particulars wherein I have been at charges about soldiers at Medfield:

Jeremy Bumstead, wounded, was 12 week over at my house at board.

Mr. Palgrave Wellington, the surgeon, as many weeks.

Also 2 soouldiers more together that were wounded, 3 weeks.

Old father More of Mendham, the most of the time, who was wounded.

As for other expenses several ways to the most of the soldiery at several times, sometimes 3 score, 4 score, I shall not insist on, but humble hand it to the wisdom of the honored Court.

JOHN WILSON.

BOSTON, June 13, 1676.

It is ordered. .

It is to be inferred from the indorsement that the State reimbursed Mr. Wilson.

During the spring of 1676, numerous small bands of

savages roamed over the country in various directions, burning buildings and murdering the whites wherever opportunity offered. To suppress these marauders, a fresh force of horse and foot was sent out by the Governor and Council, April 27. On the 6th of May, it is said that the savages attempted to take the "stone house" or garrison, near Boggestow Pond. The soldiers, together with the friendly Indians of Natick, gave them such a repulse in that locality that they did not dare to risk another battle; though it is said that, after the soldiers returned to their quarters at Medfield, they saw two hundred fires in the night. But they were never able afterward to engage them in battle. The weather at that season being very rainy, our men were unable to pursue the enemy; and, a severe epidemic cold then prevailing through the country, the soldiers were released from duty on the 10th of May.

No hostile Indians showed themselves in this region afterward.

July 25, a party of men from Dedham and Medfield, assisted by a few friendly Indians, fought a decisive battle with Pomham and his braves in the woods some miles southward of this place. Pomham was the sachem of Shaomet (Warwick, R.I.), and was, next to Philip, the most dreaded of the chiefs. Most of his band were killed or made prisoners; but he, refusing to be taken alive, was slain, raging like a wild beast. It is related of him that his strength and courage were so great that, "after he had been mortally wounded, so as himself could not stand, yet, catching hold of an Englishman that by accident came near him, he had done him mischief, if he had not been presently rescued by one of his fellows." On this occasion, fifteen Indians were killed, and thirty-five taken prisoners. Considerable plunder was also taken, including twelve pounds of powder which the prisoners said they had received from Albany two days before.

Through the summer, the war went on. Many of Philip's men were killed, and he began to be reduced to great straits. One of his followers suggested that he make peace.

This so enraged Philip that he killed the Indian who made the suggestion. That Indian had a brother who instantly resolved to be avenged; and he joined the whites, offering to lead them to the chieftain's retreat. Captain Church had captured Philip's wife and child, and they were sold into slavery in the Bermudas. August 12, the swamp where Philip had concealed himself was surrounded. He endeavored to escape; but the Indian whose brother Philip had killed sent a bullet through his heart, and, cutting off his head, bore it in triumph to Plymouth.

During the autumn, small scouting parties scoured the woods in every direction, to discover, if possible, any lurking bands of savages. Several Medfield men engaged in this service, and hunted the enemy in the neighborhood of Seekonk and Rehoboth.

To the honorable the Governor and Council :

These are to offer for your honorable information that upon investigation given unto us by our Captain George Barber, and out of a design to serve the country on our own charges and adventure wee last weeke went out in search of a band of the enemy whose track was found and in our search discovered five persons of the enemy, four of whom were armed, two of which enemy we took prisoners: and now humbly present to your honorables for compensation and liberty to dispose of and distribute the prize money among our fellow soldiers who are and ever will be a loyal soldiery to attend your honorable commands as are

Your most dutiful and faithful sons

JOHN PLYMPTON
JONATHAN BOYDEN

These Indians were brought into Boston Jan. 8, 1677.

During Philip's war, thirteen towns were wholly or partly destroyed, more than six hundred men were killed in battles, and a debt of half a million dollars was created. The destitution in the exposed towns was so great that the people of the Connecticut Colony sent a thousand bushels of corn to be distributed for the relief of the needy in Massachusetts.

RECORDS OF 1676.

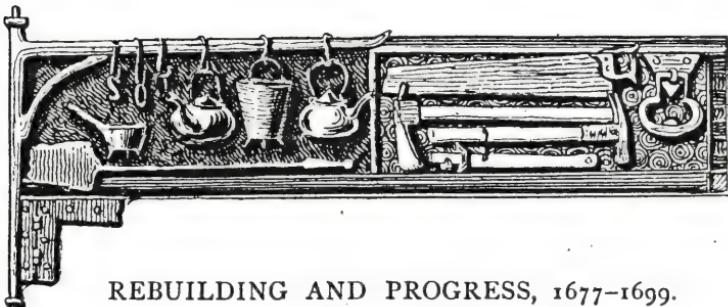
It is a matter of surprise that, beyond an item or two, no reference to the burning of the town is found in the records.

The only direct reference to the great event of the year is found in a vote directing "John Metcalf to carry to the General Court the town's address concerning our Lose by the Endien's Assalt on the 21-12, 1675." That address is not found in the archives at the State House. In the Colonial Records, September 6, we learn that a petition was received from the inhabitants of Medfield, which was referred to the October session. October 12, we have the following :—

The inhabitants of Medfield having petitioned, humbly craving the favor of the Court to consider their great losses by the Indian enemy the last spring, and abatement of their rates accordingly, it was ordered that Medfield be allowed toward their losses by the enemy the sum of £87 10s.

The town records show that John Pratt carried the "great gun" to Dedham. Sundry small grants of land were made, the south side of the old meeting-house was covered with shingles, and Eleazar Wheelock killed four wolves.

CHAPTER VIII.



REBUILDING AND PROGRESS, 1677-1699.

SEVERE as the blow was which had fallen on Medfield, there was no thought of discouragement. No buildings had been destroyed in the centre of the town, and there was hospitable shelter here for those who had been left houseless.

The power of the savages being now broken, and the country largely freed from their presence, the settlement of the outer portions of the town proceeded more rapidly. During the next few years, new families located on the west side of the river, as well as in the northerly and southerly sections. A few houses were never rebuilt; among them, John Fussell's, Nathaniel Whiting's, and Joseph Bullard's. Samuel Morse built his new house near the present junction of Main and Pound Streets. Most of the others were rebuilt on the original spot, though it was several years before they were all replaced.

1677. Selectmen, Thomas Thurston, John Harding, John Ellis, Henry Smith, and George Barber.

George Barber, Representative.

The "place of Robert Hinsdale's mill" is mentioned in such a way as to lead us to infer that it was on Boggestow Brook, and had been destroyed, as were the houses in that neighborhood.

A new frame to hang the bell in was to be furnished. It

would seem that the bell was hung *near*, but not *on*, the meeting-house.

PETITION.

The humble address of several persons in the town of Medfield to the Honored General Court sitting at Boston the 23 of 3. 77. May it please your Honors :

Wee whose names are here underwritten, inhabitants of the town of Medfield, humbly make bold to present our condition before your Honors.

So it is that notwithstanding the alleviation granted in the paiment of the last ten rates unto such as were burnt out, and suffered greate damage in their estates, for which ourselves have greate cause and do humbly return our thankfulness and acknowledgement. Notwithstanding we cannot but be feelingly sensible of the present difficulties that ly very heavy upon us, for we have our houses to rebuild, which convenience and absolute necessity call for, and reparations to make after the sad ruinous heapes which have been made by the salvadge hands of our cruel enemies which will prove very chargeable to us. Considering how we shall be taken off from other necessary employments and for want of house roome whereby our families cannot be set awork as could be wished, we are necessitated to build, most of our cattel also having been burnt or taken will occasion more difficulty and charges unto us: the scantiness of our corn by reason of the small quantity of ground improved, because of the continual dangers threatening us.

Wee humbly therefore request of your Honors to consider us so far as may be on the next rate, or whatsoever in such respects, for we find ourselves strangely debilitated unto the rendering what is called for. We humbly beg pardon for our grate boldness, considering some address heretofore hath been made more generally; but such and so great hath your honors pitty and care bin for distressed ones that we have made bold in our own names particularly to lay open our afflicted condition and humbly present to your honors to consider of and to do according to your wisdom in the case presented; that the Almighty God would ever be with your Honors, guide, bless, and uphold you under the weight of those greate concerns which ly upon your hearts.

Signed by

Edward Adams.
Peter Adams.
Beniaman Clark.
Samuel Barber.
Eleazar Adams.
Samuel Morse.
Nicolas Rockit.
Samuel Wight.
John Fisher.
John Partridge.
Gershom Wheelock.
William Allen.

Joseph Waring.
James Allen.
Thomas Wight.
Mary Bowers.
Michael Metcalf.
Margery Mason.
Robert Mason.
Samuel Sheppard.
John Adams.
Joseph Daniels.
George Fairbanks.
Jonathan Adams.

Soldiers went from this town to fight the Indians in the province of Maine. John Mason, the record says, was "killed in the country's service at the eastward." Benjamin Rockwood was brought into Salem, wounded. Vincent Shuttleworth was fined £4 for deserting the service "into which he had been impressed by the town of Medfield."

1678. Selectmen, Thomas Thurston, John Harding, John Partridge, William Partridge, and George Barber.

THE COLLEGE SUBSCRIPTION.

In an old paper containing a list of the contributions made in 1674 toward building the new college is this petition :—

Much Honoured Gentlemen: In obedience to the Comands under the Secretary's hand Dated from the 3d of May last, we judge it our duty to declare that in this paper is Conteyned the whole and full Guift of the poore Inhabitants of Meadfield in the day of it, wth what was then pay'd in the specie given and subscribed, and had there bein any such solicitous motion from the overseers of that . . . to have preserved the gift in Corne as expressly Given we may say with truth that it might have bein had and payd, but since God hath seen it meet to turne the wheel of his good Providence towards us, in letting loose the Barbarous natives upon us, that much of our Towne hath bein Consumed, many lives and estates lost, and some few, exprest in a noate hereto Annexit, by the enemy brought to great want and inability to performe, scarsly able to suport themselves, the fourteen bushells of Indian Corne, and one bushell of wheat then subscribed we humbly desire those p'sons may be excused and Indulged, and for the Rest yet behind, if the Honourable Court shall see cause to appoint one or two of our Town and Impower them to gather it up, it may and will be had. . . . All which is hoped will Reach this Honourable Courts sattisfaction, w^{ch} will be acceptable to, Honourable Srs,

Your very humble servant,

GEORGE BARBER.

In the name and by order of our Pastor and selectmen.

This note is appended :—

The names of those that sence their subscription to the new Collidge were burned out by the Endians :

Thomas Mason, Nathaniel Whiting, Benjam Clark, Joseph Bullard,

Thomas Thurston, Alexander Lovell, Nicholas Rockwood, John Bowers,
se. John Plimpton, se. Samuel Wight, Thomas Wight, jr. Eliezer Adams.

MR. WILSON'S PETITION.

Honored S'r:

Presenting my humble service unto your Worships, I am desired to write a few lines unto your worship in behalf of foure persons in our Towne who according to the present state of things are in great straights as to payment of present rates.

The first is John Partridge whose house and barn to my knowledge were burnt by Indians when they came hither, about 20 bushels of corne, ten or eleven head of cattell, 2 horses with household stiffe which he hath several times spoken of. Much of this I know also and verily believe the rest, for he is a credible person. The 2d is Widdow Mason, sister to him above mentioned, whose husband and sons were slain at the same morning, goods, house and barn burnt with about a dozin head of cattell, many sheep, and a third son slain at the east under Capt Swet's command, all together puts her much to it. A third is Nicolas Rockwood, an old man whose house and barn with cattell not a few, with horseflesh save a colt, all burnt. The 4th is Joseph Warring, a poore man whose house and barne were consumed. It is their humble request and they earnestly beseech their might be some deferment of their rates for the present that the constable may not strain upon them which they shall count as a great favor.

Your most humble serv't

JOHN WILSON.

This paper is indorsed,—

"Request granted till next General Court."

THOMAS WIGHT'S PETITION.

To the Honorable Govern^r, Deputy Governor & Magistrates, with the deputies sitting in general Court at Boston May 8 1678 the petition of Thomas Wight humbly sheweth:

That whereas it pleased God to visit us in our towne of Medfield with the awful and solemn strook by the Indians and bereaving me of my habitation and six cattell being burnt in my barn, my horse taken away and even bereaved of most of the means for my sustenance, so that I have been exposed to greate sufferings thereby, not having wharwith to get corn for my family but as I went to my dayly labour for it: that had to help others in their want: and have had no way to procure cloathings but as we could by any means procure cotton or sheeps wool and for shous nesity have Inforced me to run in debt ever sence and have not wharewith to pay yet am earnestly called upon for reats and have not wharewith to pay although I should leve none for my self or famely

who are six in all and many other diffeculties that doe atend me for want of a habitation and other nesserys, the consideration wharof have put me upon nesity of besiching and emploring this Honored Court to cast an aspect of favour upon the deserted estate of your poor petitioner in passing an order to remit my rats depending, being betwe three and four pounds, which shall ever oblige me to endeavor to pay with cherfulnis for the futer to publique charge as god shall enable me as also to pray the god of marcy to cast in aboundingtly upon you who are wilen to extend marcy to the ellicted in a day of thare destres which is and shall be the constant prayer of him who is your poor suppliant and humbel sarvent

THOMAS WIGHT.

This is indorsed :—

The committee judged meet to hold him in one-half of the rates and extend the time till next March for the other half. The deputies voted to remit all his rates, which was consented to by the magistrates on the 7 (8) 78.

In the Colonial Records for May 9, we read :—

Samuel Wight of Medfield, having suffered great loss by fire by the indian enemy, brought very low, humbly desired the favor of the Court to remit him the rates about three or four pounds already due for the last year, hoping God will enable him to pay rates again for the future.

The Court granted his request.

Thomas Thurston was appointed "Lieutenant" or chief-military officer at Medfield.

LETTER FROM MR. WILSON TO THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL.

Worshipful S'rs :

Humbly presenting my humblest service to your worships meeting with these letters copied out and newly brought from Hadly by one John Partridge, and not understanding of any that comes to the bay besides, I have written out of these two copyes word for word as I take it, and make bold to send it to your worship that you might be informed of the mercy of God in the return of these captives as far as the two letters set down. John Partridge and John Plimpton came this night and none with them but a yong mayde: so that I suppose your worships will have the very first view of the news in Boston. Being very crazy, and unfit to enlarge and that I might not trouble your worship further with my humble service presented to your most virtuous lady

I humbly rest

Your worship's most humble servant

JOHN WILSON.

MEDFIELD, May 29, 78.

One of the letters referred to was from Quintin Stockwell, written to his wife, who was the daughter of John Bullard of Medfield, as follows:—

ALBANY, May 22, 1678.

Loving wife: having an opportunity to remember my kind love to thee and our child and the rest of our friends though we met with greate afflictions and trouble since I see thee last, yet now here is opportunity of joy and thanksgiving to God that wee are pretty well and in a hopeful way to see the faces of one another before we take our final farewell of this present world; likewise God hath raised up friends amongst our enemies and there is but three of us dead of all those that were taken away, Sergeant Plimpton, Samuel Russell, Samuel Foot's daughter. So I conclude in haste and rest.

Your most affectionate husband till death makes separation.

QUINTIN STOCKWELL.

1679. Selectmen, Thomas Thurston, John Harding, John Metcalf, Sen., John Ellis, Sen., and George Barber.

SAMUEL BULLEN'S PETITION.

To the Honorable Generall Court now assembled Boston, October 15,
1679.

The petition of Samuel Bullen late of Medfield Humbly sheweth that in the time of the war he was rated proportionably with his neighbors in the six rates ordered by the General Court, and soone after his estate was destroyed by the Indians and otherwise alienat to his necessitous children, and then there was ordered by the General Court ten rates more to be collected which were proportioned by the same lists or bills as the former six rates were; so that the petitioner was then rated three pounds more than his real estate amounted to. The petitioner therefore humbly intreats the favor of the Honorable Court to grant him an abatement of the sum of three pounds upon his rate which is yet unpaid, so shall he ever pray as in duty bound.

This petition was granted by the Court.

1680. Selectmen, Thomas Thurston, John Harding, Edward Adams, Henry Smith, and George Barber.

George Barber, Representative.

Dr. Return Johnson, the first physician in this town of whom we have any record, built his house on North Street, opposite Dale Street.

John Wilson, Jr., was engaged to keep school for the year for £25,— £10 in money, the rest in country pay.

1681. Selectmen, Edward Adams, John Harding, Joseph Morse, Joseph Clark, Jr., and George Barber.

Samuel Bullen, Representative.

A petition had been sent in to the General Court by John Partridge, Joseph Warren, William Allen, and nineteen others, asking for aid.

The Court judged meet to remit to the full of what is desired, viz.: one hundred and twenty pounds, the inhabitants of Medfield and Sherborn to have the benefit in just proportion to their losses; and Capt. Daniel Fisher, Capt. Prentice, Com. Timothy Dwight, and Seartg. Richard Ellice see that it be disposed among such as they shall see meet in the town of Medfield as said committee shall determine.

1682. Selectmen, Thomas Thurston, Samuel Bullen, Eleazar Adams, Samuel Morse, and George Barber.

George Barber, Representative.

The town voted "to Layeen 30 cord of wood for our pastor's use."

The custom of burning the woods in the herdwalks was still kept up.

There was a dispute about the line between Medfield and Sherborn, as appears from the following:—

We the subscribers, understanding that the committee of Medfield and Sherborn did run the line of the towns this spring, and not knowing where the line originally was, were, as we understand, misled; and going upon the place we doe testify the stump of the station or bound tree between Capt. Keayne and Mr. Allan, which is the line between the said towns and now between Mr. Dudley and George Fairbanks, was neglected by them, and they have gone in upon Mr. Dudley's land near six rods.

THO: HOLBROOK.
JOHN O. AWASAMOG.

1683. Selectmen, George Barber, Thomas Thurston, Samuel Morse, John Harding, and Eleazar Adams.

Thomas Thurston was chosen town clerk, and held the office six years.

The town voted to pay one-third of the pastor's salary in money, besides twenty cords of wood for his use.

Voted to call John Wilson, Jr., to help in the work of the ministry, provided the town can give him suitable encouragement.

The way "from the great bridge to the North brook," through Dingle Dell, was laid out as a public highway.

Voted to tax George Fairbanks in Medfield; and a petition was sent to the General Court to the effect that George Fairbanks, Sen., though living in Medfield, attended church in Sherborn on account of distance, until the change of the site for their meeting-house. They of Sherborn, anxious to retain his taxes, continued to levy them upon him; and the petitioners ask that the arrangement between Fairbanks and the town of Sherborn may be terminated.

"Abiel Twichell and her child," sojourning at Josiah Rockwood's, were warned out. Rockwood, continuing to harbor them, was summoned before the selectmen. He failed to appear; and the constable, Jonathan Boyden, was ordered to levy a fine of 20s. upon the goods of said Rockwood. He then acknowledged his fault, and prayed the town to remit his fine, which they did, "considering his poverty." He had to pay 5s., however, for the "constable's trouble and paines."

Gamaliel Hinsdale was employed to beat the drum on Sabbath and lecture days and other public occasions for 20s. a year. Something had happened to the old bell.

Ralph Wheelock, "the founder of Medfield," died.

1684. Selectmen, George Barber, John Harding, Eleazar Adams, Samuel Morse, and Thomas Thurston.

Money being required for the town's use, and the taxes being paid mostly in produce, it was ordered that 5s. worth of corn be sold for 3s. in money.

Dr. Johnson was engaged to keep school a month on trial, "to continue a year, if he likes and gives content." He was afterward engaged for a year, at £10 in money and £11 in country pay; to have a fortnight in the spring "to attend to his practice of physic," the time to be made up at the end of the half-year. If taken away from his school for the

emergencies of practice, he was to make up that time also. He "being much abroad out of town," it was found that doctoring and teaching did not go well together; and the bargain was cancelled in May, with his consent. Thomas Thurston took the school.

Zechariah Barber tried his hand at the drum on Sabbath days for half a year.

John Wilson, Jr., having returned from Connecticut, it was proposed that the town vote on the next training-day whether they will offer him sufficient encouragement to help in the ministry and keep the school. This was October 26. It was then voted to put off the matter till the next training-day, November 3. Then, the town refused to allow it to come to a vote. But he was given leave to preach sometimes, and take as recompense what should be given by free contributions. He was engaged to keep school for £25 a year; and, when he should be desired to preach, he was to have liberty of two days from the school in the week before. In the winter, all pupils between seven and fourteen were to pay 3*s.* each to raise the schoolmaster's pay; those under seven, 1*s.* 6*d.* Those who attended in the summer, 1*s.*

The town valuation was ordered to be made in the month of August, yearly.

1685. Selectmen, Thomas Thurston, Edward Adams, Samuel Barber, Benjamin Clark, and John Harding.

The old bell had been carried to Boston, and it was ordered to be sold.

The great bridge was rebuilt; and, as it was on the "country road," the State paid a part of the expense.

The selectmen were directed to take the money that the old bell brought, together with the money from the State given toward the bridge, and buy a new bell.

AN INDIAN CLAIM.

A special town-meeting was called May 25:—

"Whereas the selectmen have been informed that Sachem Josias, of Punkapoag, claims title to lands in Medfield, and

notwithstanding a former grant of Chickatabot, grandfather to said Josias, some other towns have judged expedient to compound with him and purchase in confirmation of former grants," the town voted to do the same.

The selectmen having been informed that Josias would be at Dedham the following week, they deputed two of their number, John Harding and Thomas Thurston, to meet him there, and come to an agreement with him. They arranged with him and his guardians, William Stoughton and Thomas Dudley, to settle his claim by payment of £4 10s. in money. We have no writings.

Gamaliel Hinsdale was appointed "to prosecute John Sunchemug, Indian, upon suspicion of firing the new mill."

Judge Sewall, in his Diary, Sept. 14, 1685, says:—

Coming home, hear of Meadfield mill being burnt and their confusion at Marlborough last Satterday night. A suspected Indian is put in prison. It seems were in arms last Sabbathday at Dedham somway knowing of Meadfield mill being burnt. People are much perplexed.

The mill referred to was that on Charles River, above Rockville. It would seem there were fears of another Indian raid. The General Court voted "that care be taken that all persons are furnisht with Arms and Ammunition according to law because of Indians."

✓ **1686.** Selectmen, Thomas Thurston, Samuel Barber, Edward Adams, Benjamin Clark, and John Harding.

Thomas Thurston, Representative.

Vincent Shuttleworth, the deserter of 1677, was employed to ring the new bell and sweep the meeting-house.

The first recorded marriage by the minister was that of Joseph Clark and Mary Wight. Before this, all marriages were "solemnized" by commissioners, no clergyman, except of the Established Church of England, having the right to unite persons in wedlock.

1687. Selectmen, Thomas Thurston, Edward Adams, John Harding, Samuel Barber, and Benjamin Clark.

Joseph Daniel was granted leave to take the stream of

Boggestow Brook for his mill, provided he maintain a good mill.

1688. Selectmen, Thomas Thurston, Edward Adams, John Harding, Samuel Barber, and John Metcalf, Jr.

10s. a head to be paid for every grown wolf killed in the town limits.

Joseph Daniel was granted liberty "to make a dam where he intends to set his mill, and to flow the common land, so far as shall be needful, forever.

A RECEIPT FROM MR. WILSON.

Know all men by these presents, That I, John Wilson sen. pastour of the Church in Medfield in the County of Suffolk in his Majesty's Terre-tory & Dominion of New England, having reckoned and agreed with Edward Adams, Thomas Thurston, John Harding, Samuel Barber, and Benjamin Clark, selectmen, for, and in behalf of the said town, reckoning and clearing with myself for all debts and dues, by virtue of any act, contract, agreement or obligation of the said town due to me from the first day of my coming and settling in the work of the ministry in the said town, which was in the moneth of December Anno Domini one thousand six hundred fifty-one, until the last day of December Anno Domini one thousand six hundred eighty-two, being one and thirty years full and compleat, there being thirty pounds promised and engaged to be paid to me at my first coming towards my charges in building and settling there and for my maintenance a salary of fifty pounds per annum untill the year one thousand six hundred and sixty, and then by act and agreement of the town augmented to sixty pounds per annum.

I do hereby own and acknowledge that I have received of said town the whole of the said thirty pounds engaged to be paid me at my first coming and also I have received the said annual summe for all and every of the years above mentioned and until the said year one thousand six hundred and eighty-two in full to my satisfaction and content: and whereas there bin some persons unable to pay their particular summes, rates or proportions to the said annual summes in some of the years above mentioned and especially in the time of the late wars wherein severall persons sustaining great losses in their estates were thereby disabled to pay their particular summes, rates or proportions as above said eyther in whole or in part, I being willing to sympathize with such persons in their sufferings and losses have remitted and released and by these presents do fully, freely, and absolutely remitt and release to every such person in particular and to all and every of the inhabitants of said town in general all and every such particular summe, rate or proportion

to me unpaid eyther in part or in whole in any of the years above mentioned, and I, the said John Wilson do hereby, for me, my heirs, executors and administrators, fully, freely, and absolutely exonerate, acquit, and discharge the said Edward Adams, Thomas Thurston, John Harding, Samuel Barber and Benjamin Clark as selectmen, and all and every of the several inhabitants of the said town and their and every of their heirs, executors, administrators, and successors forever of and from all debts, dues and obligations whatsoever for all and every of the years above mentioned. In witness whereof, I, the said John Wilson have hereunto put my hand and seal this sixteenth day of January in the third year of his majesty's reign, Anno Domini 1687-8.

1689. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, John Harding, Eleazar Adams, John Bullen, and John Plimpton.

Edward Adams, Representative. *my ancestor*

This is the first time the board of selectmen was made up without one or more of the original settlers. But the fathers were now rapidly passing away, and forty years had brought forward a new set of men.

Town-meeting was held at the house of Samuel Barber, and the records of the town were deposited with him.

Six hundred acres more of the common lands were laid out.

Town paid Joseph Bullard for tending Gamaliel Hinsdale; the first recorded instance of public charity.

1690. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, Thomas Thurston, Benjamin Clark, John Harding, and John Metcalf, Jr.

The records of this year are very meagre. The town voted to lay out six hundred acres of land, but it was not done till 1698.

We learn from the Colonial Records that the military officers of the town were Captain Thomas Thurston, Lieutenant Samuel Morse, and Ensign John Harding. This was the year of Sir William Phipps's expedition to Canada. Medfield was ordered to furnish its quota of soldiers. For some reason, the Court abated to Medfield ten soldiers: the rest were ordered to appear at Braintree, August 4, at twelve o'clock. One man at least, John Smith, Jr., is known to have gone from this town, and perished in that undertaking.

1691. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, John Harding, Benjamin Clark, Eleazar Adams, and Jonathan Boyden.

Samuel Barber was chosen town clerk, an office which he held for twenty-eight years.

Mr. Wilson, the first minister of Medfield, died August 23. No records of the church during his forty years' ministry are known to exist.

ATTEMPT TO SETTLE A NEW MINISTER.

October 26, the church and town met for the purpose of choosing "some meet person" to supply the pulpit with a view to settlement. It was decided to vote by paper ballots; and the two receiving the largest number of votes were to be considered the candidates, and their names brought forward the next Sabbath to be voted for. Mr. John White and John Wilson had the highest number of ballots, and were declared the candidates.

The old minister's son never seemed to be a favorite as a preacher, however well he succeeded as a schoolmaster; and, when it came to a final choice, Mr. White received fifty-nine votes, and John Wilson only twelve. Mr. White supplied the pulpit during the next winter.

1692. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, John Harding, John Plimpton, Benjamin Clark, and Joseph Clark, Sen.

✓ Edward Adams and John Harding, Representatives.

At a meeting February 7, Mr. John White was called to the ministry by a general vote. For some reason, he did not accept the call; and it is said there were thirty-two candidates employed before another settlement was effected.

WITCHES.

This was the year in which the "witchcraft delusion" flourished. There are no evidences of its having affected this town, though, no doubt, the general belief in witchcraft was shared by many here. Traditions exist of persons called witches, one of whom, living near the south school-house, was visited and rebuked by the minister. She retal-

iated by turning herself into a black cat, which scratched his heels as he walked home across lots near the Boiling Spring. So the old story went. Another is reputed to have lived in the north part of the town, at the foot of the hill beyond A. E. Mason's. But these tales long ago ceased to obtain credence, and are mentioned only to show the current superstitions of the times.

1693. Selectmen, Edward Adams, Samuel Barber, Joseph Daniel, George Fairbanks, and John Fisher, Sen.

John Harding, Representative.

£52 raised for the ministry.

The "church lot and orchard" was let to John Fisher, Sen., for 10s. in money or 20s. in country pay. This was the Frairy homestead, given by Theophilus Frairy, of Boston, to the town and church.

1694. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, John Harding, Eleazar Adams, John Metcalf, and John Plimpton.

This year, assessors were first chosen, as it is said, "according to law." Before this, the taxes or "rates" had been made by the selectmen.

1695. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, Edward Adams, Benjamin Clark, Joseph Daniel, and Eleazar Adams.

John Harding, Representative.

Joseph Clark, Jr., was chosen sealer of leather, the first mention of an office which was continued for a century.

MINISTER CALLED.

The church and town gave a call to Joseph Baxter to settle in the work of the ministry, with £60 a year salary; and an "encouragement" of £50 in money, to be paid within one year after his coming.

The Long Causey was made a town way: before this, it had been a way for the accommodation of the owners of meadows.

1696. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, Benjamin Clark, John Metcalf, Joseph Clark, and Edward Adams.

Joseph Clark, Representative.

Voted to sell the house that Mr. Frairy gave to the town and church, all excepting brick and clay, and lay out the money in fencing the land belonging to said house.

The burying-place was let to Joseph Metcalf for a term of fourteen years, he "to make a good and sufficient fence around it, and to suffer such graves to be dug as there may be need of."

PROCEEDINGS IN RELATION TO MR. BAXTER'S CALL.

TO MR. JOSEPH BAXTER:

Reverend Sir: wee the Subscribers who weare chosen by Church and Town to aquaint your self with the act and vote of Church & Towne, in giving you a Call to settlement in the work of the ministry in this town, & in order to office on the Churches part having understood tht some of our church & Town have by writting intimated to youre self tht things weare not represented to you as they are or weare. These lines are to give you a more particular account off the Severall steps of the Church and Town took in calling one to be helpfull to them in the work of the ministry & to settlement in tht work.

December, 1695. At a church meeting it was agreed upon to lay down and let fall all matters concserning Mr Tomson. And to call som other man to settelment in the work of the ministry, the town was aquainted with itt.

Som objected tht they weare not ready to call one to settlement but in order to settlement first to which the Church complyed, & at a church meeting the 6th agreed to proceed and go before in ye nomination of a man in order to settelment in sd work, as the Law and advice of Elders did direct. The Church did vote. And all the votes except one or two weare for Mr. Joseph Baxter, the Town weare aquainted with wt the Church had done & weare desired to show their consent by bringing in theire votes & when it was done the number was esteemed to bee but a bare major part of the Town without the Church. Severall of the Town declared their dislike of what the Church had don in acting by themselves and before the Town. And said if the Church would let fall their former vote, & Church and Town mite act together they would vote to call a man in order to settellment in the work of the ministry. upon this the Church by theire messengers did ask the advice of severall Elders wt to doe, & the Elders som if not all of them tht weare desired

to advise in tht matter did seme to favor the acting together rather than to breake love & peace for which cause the Church did Comply to acte together, notice was given and time apointed, the votes weare given in sorted and tould, theare was abut 60 votes 50 odd for Mr Baxter two men weare chosen to aquaint Mr. Baxter with the vote of the Church & Town and to desire him to help us in the work of the ministry: accordingly he did for about six weekes. It was moved by many of the Church and town to call Mr Baxter to full settelment in the work of the ministry. The Church & Town weare stayed after meeting on a sabbath day & it was proposed whether they would call Mr Joseph Baxter to full settelment in the work of the ministry among us non objected, it was put to vote by desiring them that weare for itt to hold up theire hands no question was made of its being a vote of the majar part concerned, it was then proposed whether we should doe it the next sabbath day after meeting non objected then it was voted so to doe. And when said time came it was proposed tht such as ware for caling Mr Joseph Baxter to full settelment in the work of the ministry in this town & in order to office on the Churches part would manifest itt by holding up theire hands, which was don by so many as tht non did object against the vote. Some time after about one month the selectmen gave order to the Constables to warn the town to Consider what to propose to Mr Baxter for his incoragment in case he take up with us & settell in the work of the ministry in this town, at the time appointed theare was a meeting, & something acted and voted to doe for him in case he should so do. And three men weare chosen and desired to aquaint Mr Baxter of the call to settelment & wht was voted for his incoragment.

JOHN HARDING,
SAM'L MORSE,
ELEAZAR ADAMS,
the committee above said.

1697. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, John Harding, Eleazar Adams, John Plimpton, and John Bullen.

John Thurston, Representative.

Judge Sewall, in his Diary for 1697, speaks of visiting Medfield, calling upon Mrs. Wilson, viewing Mr. Baxter's house, and "the orchard that Mr. Frairy hath given to the ministry, which hath a living brook running by it and through Mr. Baxter's." He had bought the old homestead of John Bullard on Main Street, nearly opposite the head of Spring Street, and built a house upon it, which is still standing. He was settled April 21, 1697: having been



BAXTER HOMESTEAD.

called to the pastorate at the age of nineteen. The church waited two years for him to come of age before ordination.

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH CHURCH IN 1697.

Men.

Mr. John Wilson, Physician.	James Fales, Sen.
Dea. John Harding.	John Thurston, Sen.
Capt. Thomas Thurston.	Ens. Edward Adams.
John Turner, Sen.	Samuel Wight, Sen.
Isaac Chenery, Sen.	Joseph Clark, Sen.
Benjamin Clark.	Nathaniel Allen.
Ephraim Wight, Sen.	Joseph Daniel, Sen.
John Fisher, Sen.	John Partridge, Jr.
Eleazar Adams.	John Richardson.
Samuel Rockwood.	Peter Adams.
Joseph Bullen.	John Adams.
John Bullen.	Joseph Bullard, Sen.
Joseph Allen.	

Women.

Mrs. Wilson.	Abigail Bullen, wf. of Joseph.
Mrs. Fairbank.	Judith Bullen, wf. of John.
Sarah Hamant, wid. of Francis.	Hannah Rockwood, wf. of Samuel.

Alice Clark, wid. of Joseph.	Experience Warren, wf. of Joseph.
"Widow Clark, the younger."	Abigail Mason, wf. of Robert.
Priscilla Morse, wid. of Joseph.	Lydia Wight, wf. of Ephraim.
Rebecca Turner, wid. of Isaac.	Sarah Bullard, wf. of Joseph.
Hannah Wight, wf. of Samuel.	Sarah Wheelock, wf. of Samuel.
Hannah Allen, wf. of Joseph.	Hannah Fisher, wf. of John.
Bethiah Fisk, wid. of Benjamin.	Joan Ellis, wid. of John.
Mary Allen, wf. of Nathaniel.	"Widdow Wheelock."
Dorcas Clark, wf. of Benjamin.	Lydia Lovell, wf. of Alexander.
Mary Thurston, wf. of John.	Mary Metcalf, wf. of John.
Mary Clark, wf. of Joseph.	Susannah Fairbank.
Elizabeth Adams, wf. of Eleazar.	Elizabeth Allen, wf. of William.
Mary Johnson, wf. of Dr. Return.	Rebecca Richardson, wf. of John.
Rebecca Pratt, wf. of John.	Experience Adams, wf. of Peter.
Sarah Partridge, wid. of William.	Mary Clark, wf. of John.
Widow Margery Stacy.	Widow Clap.
Elizabeth Harding, wf. of John.	Wife of James Fales, Sen.

A few of the members of the Medfield church lived in that part of Dedham which is now Walpole.

1698. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, John Harding, Benjamin Clark, Edward Adams, and Eleazar Adams.

Samuel Barber, Representative.

The first couple on record married by Mr. Baxter in this town was Jonathan Boyden and Rachel Fisher, in 1698.

✓ **1699.** Selectmen, Benjamin Clark, John Metcalf, Edward Adams, and John Fisher, Jr.

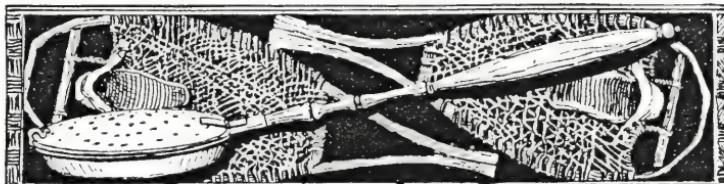
Benjamin Clark, Representative.

Three pounds of the money raised for schools was to be expended for those living on the west side of the river.

Ichabod Harding, John Harding, Joseph Allen, Joseph Bullen, John Bullen, and Samuel Rocket were granted a spot of land near the meeting-house to build a horse-shed upon. It was to be "near the town brook, between the shop of John Fisher, Sen., and said brook, down stream of the way."

Dr. Return Johnson kept school again at 7s. a week. Peter Adams had £2 9s. 11d. for his wife's keeping school on the west side, the first instance on our records of the employment of a female teacher.

CHAPTER IX.



ANNALS OF THE TOWN DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD, 1700-1764.

IT has been well said that the early history of New England is very naturally divided into three periods:—

The first, or *Puritan* period, continued during the lifetime of the first comers, whose education had been acquired and whose tastes had been formed in England.

The second, or *transition* period, commenced when the sons and grandsons of the original settlers came to the front in local and colonial affairs. The generation reared in this new country had standards of culture and mental habits differing widely from those of their fathers. They were, however, good and loyal subjects of the crown.

The third, or *Revolutionary* period, commenced with that series of events which culminated in the independence of the American Colonies.

At the beginning of the eighteenth century, the second period may be considered as having commenced. The fathers had now left the scenes of their former active life, and a new generation occupied their places. Of all the men who came to Medfield during the first ten years of its existence, only six remained; namely, Robert Mason, John Partridge, Alexander Lovell, Edward Adams, John Turner, and John Pratt. None of these except Edward Adams now took any part in public affairs. They lingered yet a little

while in the decrepitude of age, but the duties of active life were performed by other men. But few new names had appeared in town, and those who held office for the next half-century were most of them from the families of the first settlers.

1700. Selectmen, Henry Adams, Edward Adams, Benjamin Clark, John Harding, and Samuel Barber.

Samuel Barber, Representative.

Henry Adams was chosen the first town treasurer. Prior to this date, the selectmen received the rates and other income of the town, and paid the bills as they were presented. A large part of the early records consisted of selectmen's accounts.

Land was granted for a burying-place on the west side of the river. It was not laid out till 1714, and was the old part of the cemetery in East Medway.

Dr. Johnson kept school again. Sergeant Joseph Daniel was schoolmaster on the west side. £15 raised for school purposes.

The old meeting-house now needed extensive repairs, and there began to be talk in town-meeting about building a new one.

1701. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, Edward Adams, Henry Adams, Samuel Morse, and Benjamin Clark.

John Harding, Representative.

Isaac Baley began to keep school September 22. Benjamin Clark "went down" after him, from which we infer that he was from the college at Cambridge. It was the duty of the selectmen to procure teachers in those days. Mr. Baley kept school six months, for which he was paid £13 10s. in money.

The town laid in a stock of ammunition,—a barrel of powder, sixty-three pounds of bullets, and three hundred flints.

1702. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, Henry Adams, Edward Adams, Joseph Metcalf, and John Adams, Jr.

Edward Adams, Representative.

Two men were deputed to go to Mendon and agree with Mrs. Wilson concerning arrears due to Mr. Wilson, and take a receipt in full.

PROPRIETORS OF 1702.

The "black swamp" land was laid out, and the following is the recorded list of proprietors, embracing all the land-holders at that time in Medfield, both sides of the river. Those on the west side are marked with an asterisk.

Mr Baxter	Solo Clark	*John partredg
En Edwer Adams	*Theop Clark	Nath ^l partredg
*Eleas ^r Adams	*Timo Clark	*Sam ^{ll} partredg
Henry Adams	*Ebenez ^r Daniel	wido partredg
*Jasper Adams	*Joseph Daniel jr	will ^m partridge
*John Adams Ed son	*Sergt Daniel	*Zecha partredge
John Adams mil ^r	John Dwight	Jonath plimpton
John Adams min	Eleazar Ellice	Josep plimpton
*Jonath Adams se	*John Ellice se	Jose plimps heirs
*Jonath Adams jr	Joseph Ellice	Sergt plimpton
Joseph Adams	Samuel Ellice	John pratt
Mary Adams	Math Evans	*John Richerson
*peter Adams	*george fairbank	*widow Richerson
Sam ^{ll} Adams	*Jonath fisher	*John Rocket
*Sergt Adams	John fisher se	*Josiah Rocket
*Benj Allin se	John fisher jr	Sam ^{ll} Rocket
Benj Allin	John fisher min	nehemy Sabin
Joseph Allin se	widow fisk	*vincent shettleworth
Joseph Allin jr	*Henry gernsey	Abigail Smith
Nath ^{ll} Allin se	John Hamant	Daniel Smith
*will ^m Allin	Timo Hamant	Henry Smith
John Barbers heirs	*Abrah Harding	Sam ^{ll} Smith
Sam ^{ll} Barber	decon Harding	Sarah Smith
Zecha Barber	Henry Harding	*Ebenez ^r Thomson
John Bower	Ichabod Harding	Daniel Thurston
Jonath Boyden se	*Sam ^{ll} Hill	Decon Thurston
Jonath Boyden jr	Dr Return Johnson	John Thurston jr
John Bullard	Elea Laland	John Turner se
Elisha Bullen	allexand ^r lovel	John Turner jr
ens John Bullen	Nath Lovel	widow Turner
Joseph Bullen	Ebenez ^r Mason	Joseph warren
Sam ^{ll} Bullen	Joseph mason	Eleazar whelock
Joseph Chaney	Joseph medcalfe	Sarah whelock
Benja Clark	mical medc ^s heirs	Isaac whelor
*John Clark	Sergt medcalfe	Eleazar wight
Joseph Clark	Jeremy morse se	Ephra wight se
Joseph Clarks heirs	Jeremy morse jr	Ephra wight jr
Mary Clark	Joshua morse	Joshua wight
Nath ^{ll} Clark	Lieut morse	Joseph wight
Noah Clark	widow morse	Sam ^{ll} wight se
Sam ^{ll} Clark	Eleazar partredge	Sam ^{ll} wight jr

A road was laid out near John Hamant's house, over a stony brook to "rail-tree neck." This was a portion of what is now High Street, near its junction with Granite Street. Mr. John Odlin, who graduated from Harvard this year, had £15 for keeping school; and £12 was granted to settle with Mrs. Wilson. At a town-meeting, December 21, it was voted "that the meeting be moved from the meeting-house to the ordinary." There is no clew to the location of the "ordinary," except that Eleazar Wheelock was called "innholder." If this indication is reliable, the public house at that day stood on the site of the present town hall.

1703. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, Eleazar Adams, Benjamin Clark, John Plimpton, and Samuel Morse.

John Thurston, Representative.

The March meeting was "moved to the ordinary," which was doubtless a much more comfortable and attractive place than the dilapidated old meeting-house.

Voted, That such inhabitants as will build a new meeting-house for the town's use shall have liberty to set it where the school-house stands, or where the old one stands, or near it; and shall have the old one and what appertains to it toward building and furnishing the new one.

From this vote, it appears that a better meeting-house was desired by some of the people, and that there was talk of building one by private enterprise.

1704. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, Henry Adams, Benjamin Clark, Eleazar Adams, and John Metcalf.

John Metcalf, Representative.

Mr. John Odlin kept school again.

John Fisher, Jr., was appointed coroner,—the first mention of the office.

Israel Rockwood, a soldier, died in service, probably against the French and Indians.

1705. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, Joseph Ellis, Joseph Warren, "John Adams, Peter's son," and Eleazar Wheelock.

John Metcalf, Representative.

A NEW MEETING-HOUSE.

Voted, To build a new meeting-house, and set it where the old one standeth, or where the school-house standeth, as the committee that shall be chosen shall decide.

Voted, That whereas Several people Neighboring to this Town without the bounds thereof, and in the bounds of our Neighboring Towns, have had free liberty and priviledg in time past to join with us in the publick worship of god, being Constant Dwellers and Constant Commers and thare in Distinguished from Transient strangers, and they may Injoy all such liberties and privilidges with us for the futer in all Respects Relating to the publick worship of god so long as they shall bare a Due proportion with us according to there known ability in building a New meeting-house very near whare the old one standeth and in maintaining the Same and so long as they shall bare a due proportion with us in our pastors Sallary according to there Known ability from time to time. But such of said Neighbours as shall neglect to Do such Dutys from time to time shall have no farther Right in such priviledges with us.

The building committee consisted of Deacon John Harding, John Metcalf, George Fairbanks, Benjamin Clark, Joseph Daniel, Coroner John Fisher, Henry Adams, Sergeant Jonathan Boyden, and Samuel Barber.

Voted, That those living west of the river shall have back half of what they pay toward the meeting-house, in case they build one on that side within twenty years.

The town voted to raise £120 by taxes for the purposes of building, one-half to be paid in money, the rest in labor and materials at money prices.

1706. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, Henry Adams, Coroner John Fisher, Eleazar Ellis, and Benjamin Clark.

Henry Adams, Representative.

Voted, To lengthen out the meeting-house.

The first plan appears to have been deemed too small.

Granted, To Lieut. Samuell morse libertie to flow a small percel of the Towns Co^mon Swamp for the use of a fulling mill and also the Towns Right in the stream near the Cowpen so long as there shall be a fulling-mill maintained there.

This mill, built for the purpose of fulling hand-woven cloth, was the first of the kind mentioned in this town. Its

location was not far from the present stone mill on the Dedham road.

The meeting-house was built this year, as we learn from the bills that were paid; and from them we also learn that it was clapboarded and shingled. Besides the town carpenters, Comfort Star of Dedham and Robert Pond of Wrentham, workmen of acknowledged ability, were engaged for some of the more important parts. These two received each three shillings a day for their labor. The glazing was done by Ephraim Cutter, at a cost of £11 18s. There is no account of mason-work. In fact, there were no chimneys to be built, though the house may have been plastered. It is said there were two galleries, and that the "upper gallery" was occupied by the negro slaves. But we have no definite description of that house. It lasted eighty-three years, and stood, without doubt, on the spot where the old one stood.

Voted, That the Committee may sell all such board, plank, and timber as did belong to the old meetting house as they judge not fitt to be improved about the new meetting house or Repairing the School house.

A piece of rudely carved oak is still preserved, which was taken from the front of the gallery when the meeting-house of 1706 was pulled down. It bears the date 1656, the year when the first pulpit was made. This ornament was probably a part of that piece of furniture, and was put into the second house as a memento.

Men were drafted to go against the French; and Vincent Shuttleworth, Jr., was impressed for that service from Medfield. He went to Port Royal and to the fort at Casco, whence he was sent on service into the country, where he was overtaken by a fire in the woods and seriously burned. Being disabled from labor, he obtained help from the State, forty years afterward, in consequence of the disaster.

1707. Selectmen, Henry Adams, Benjamin Clark, Coroner John Fisher, Samuel Wight, Jr., and "John Adams, Peter's son."

Samuel Morse, Representative.

Henry Adams was chosen town clerk. He held the office in all seven years.

£30 more appropriated to finish the meeting-house.

A leading way was laid out "at the house of Solomon Clark from the common road to the swamp: turning in between the house and the well, and leading along to the brook, and over the brook" to the swamps of John Fisher and others, "providing that the occupiers thereof do lay up such fence or railes as are needful to prevent damage to the lands it leadeth through." That leading way is still in use from the house of Thomas S. Clark to the meadows near "Devil's-foot Island."

The names of those who attended church here from out of town are mentioned, with the sums they paid toward Mr. Baxter's support: Joshua Clap, 9s.; Eleazer Clap, 7s.; William Robbins, Sen., 10s.; William Robbins, Jr., 5s.; Benjamin Chenery and Ebenezer Vales, amounts not given. These lived in a part of Dedham, now Walpole.

John Draper gave 8s.; and John Mason, 5s. They lived in another part of Dedham, now Dover.

1708. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, Jonathan Boyden, Benjamin Clark, Joseph Ellis, and Nathaniel Partridge.

Samuel Barber was Representative.

At town-meeting, Jonathan Boyden was appointed "to assist in managing the affairs of the day wherein the constables were wont to assist."

£25 granted this year to finish the meeting-house.

1709. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, Henry Adams, Samuel Rockwood, Jonathan Adams, Jr., and Eleazar Ellis.

Henry Adams, Representative.

Voted, That the committee for placing persons in the meeting house shall have liberty to alter some seats below if they see cause, the charge of altering them not to exceed £1 10s. upon the town's account.

SEATS FOR WOMEN AND FOR MEN.

Voted, That half the meeting house shall be for women to sit in the northeast end of it; and the southwest end of it for men except in the new pews.

1710. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, Henry Adams, Ebenezer Mason, Sergeant Jonathan Adams, and Samuel Rockwood.

Henry Adams, Representative.

Dr. Johnson, the first physician, had died in 1707, and Dr. Samuel Adams appears.

Voted, That there shall be ten pounds Aded to Mr baxters 60 pound Sallary this present year with what the neighbors in Deadham bounds pay in.

ARREARS IN MR. BAXTER'S SALARY.

The town empowered the treasurer to sue for and recover the arrears in that £50 promised to Mr. Baxter for his "encouragement" at the time of his settlement, also for the arrears in his salary in subsequent years.

Joshua Morse, having been chosen constable, was excused from serving by the Governor. In those days, men elected to office were required to serve or pay a fine, unless excused by high authority.

1711. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, Henry Adams, Benjamin Clark, Coroner John Fisher, and Jonathan Adams, Sen.

Henry Adams, Representative.

Three constables were chosen to collect the taxes,— Jonathan Boyden for the south end, Jonathan Plympton for the north end, and Timothy Clark for the west side.

Thomas Chaney kept school six months for £12 and his "diet." He was a recent graduate of Harvard College, as were most of those mentioned as schoolmasters about that time.

1712. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, Coroner John Fisher, Henry Adams, Benjamin Clark, and Samuel Rockwood.

Samuel Barber, Representative.

Voted, That no person shall box any more pine trees in the common Lands in the Town for turpentine pitch or Rossin without leave from the Town.

Mr. John Stedman was engaged to keep school half a year for £12 "and pay for his Diet."

MOVEMENT FOR THE DIVISION OF THE TOWN.

The people living west of Charles River began to think about maintaining separate interests there, and a petition of some sort was presented to the town. After much debate in town-meeting, it was voted that it be not granted, and it appears that they then sent a petition to the General Court.

Chose Capt Jonathan Boyden, Lieut Samuel Morse, nathaniel partridge, Jonathan plimpton, and Sam^{ll} Barber to give in the Reasons to the great and General Court why the petition of Some of the Inhabitants of medfield on the west side of Charl River should not be granted: also that the Said persons who are to give the Reasons why said petition should not be granted shall have no liberty nor power to do or act in any way anything for the Dividing of the Town.

Later, this record was made:—

In consideration that the General Court have Recommended to the town of medfield to Raise money towards the building another meetting house on the west Side of Charls River with Some other things: The Selectmen granted a warrant to the Constables to warn a Town meetting.

Voted to defer the matter to the next March meeting.

1713. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, Jonathan Boyden, Samuel Morse, Isaac Wheeler, and Nathaniel Partridge.

Samuel Barber, Representative.

Voted, That the Town shall petition the General Court Declaring there inability to build an other meetting house in the Town and to bare the Charge Attending of it.

Appropriated £10 for “bareing the necessary Charges that may A Rise for the promotting Said petition.” Hereupon, several persons “entred there Decent.”

In answer to the petition of the west-side people, the General Court appointed a committee to come here and look over the ground with reference to a division of the town. They reported in favor of division.

Judge Sewall tells us that, on October 24, he “helped the Secretary prepare the bill for Medway, the new town on the

west of Charles River." The act was passed the next day, and reads as follows:—

AN ACT FOR DIVIDING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MEDFIELD AND
ERECTING A NEW TOWN THERE BY THE NAME OF MEDWAY.

Whereas the lands of the Township of Medfield within the County of Suffolk lye situate on Charles River, to wit on both sides of the said River being divided by the same: and the Town plat and principal settlement, as also the Meeting-house for the Publick Worship of God, being seated on the East side for the accommodation of the first and Ancient Inhabitants, who are now much increased, many issued forth and settled on the West side of the River to a competent number for a distinct Town of themselves, and labor under many hardships and Difficulties by reason of separation by the River to enjoy equal benefit and town privileges with others their fellow Townsmen and neighbors, and have therefore made application to the Town as also addressed this Court to be made a distinct Town. Committees appointed by this Court having been upon the Ground, viewed the same and Reported in their favor for proper bounds to be set them.

Be it enacted by his Excellency the Governour, Council, and Representatives in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the same:

That all those Lands lying on the West Side of Charles River, now part of the Township of Medfield, be Erected and made into a Distinct and Separate Town by the name of Medway, the River to be the Bounds betwixt the Two Towns. And that the Inhabitants of Medway have, use and exercise and enjoy all such power and privileges which other Towns have, and so by law use, exercise & enjoy. So that they procure and Settle a Learned, Orthodox Minister of good Conversation among them and make provision for an Hon'able support & maintainance for him. And that in order thereto, they be Discharged from further payment to the Ministry in Medfield from and after the last day of February next.

Provided also, That all Province and Town Taxes that are already Levied or Granted, be collected and paid, and all Town Rights and Common undivided Lands remain to be divided among the Interested as if no Separation had been made.

And Mr. George Fairbanks, a principal Inhabitant of said Town of Medway, is hereby Directed and Impowered to notify and Summon the Inhabitants duly qualified for Voters to Assemble and meet together for the Choosing of Town Officers to stand untill the next Annual Election according to Law.

THE FOUNDERS OF MEDWAY.

The proprietors living on the west side in 1713, founders of the town of Medway, were the following :—

Daniel Adams.	John Ellis.
Jasper Adams.	Joseph Ellis, Jr.
John Adams.	George Fairbanks.
Jonathan Adams.	George Fairbanks, Jr.
Jonathan Adams, Jr.	Henry Guernsey.
Sergeant Jonathan Adams.	Abraham Harding.
Joseph Adams.	Abraham Harding, Jr.
Obadiah Adams.	John Harding.
Peter Adams.	Thomas Harding.
James Allen.	Samuel Hill.
William Allen.	Samuel Hill, Jr.
John Barber.	Ephraim Hill.
Joseph Barber.	Michael Metcalf.
John Bullard.	Samuel Metcalf.
Malachi Bullard.	Benoni Partridge.
William Burgess.	John Partridge.
Theophilus Clark.	Jonathan Partridge.
Timothy Clark.	Samuel Partridge.
Edward Clark.	Daniel Richardson.
Joseph Curtis.	John Richardson.
Ebenezer Daniel.	John Rockwood.
Jeremiah Daniel.	Josiah Rockwood.
Joseph Daniel.	Ebenezer Thompson.
Joseph Daniel, Jr.	Nathaniel Whiting.
Samuel Daniel.	Nathaniel Wight.

SCHOOL.

Paid to Capt John Mills for Journy to medfield to sumon the Selectmen to answer for the Towns being presented for being without a school and clerks fee, 10s.

Province tax, £235 10s. County tax, £35 7s. 6d.

1714. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, Samuel Rockwood, Samuel Smith, John Dwight, and Matthias Evans.
Samuel Smith, Representative.

A proposition was made to the town of Medway to change the boundary line by drawing a straight line from Dwight's Bridge to near the point where Boggestow Brook falls into

Charles River, and, in consideration, to give Medway all the undivided common lands lying west of that line, they to quit-claim to Medfield all such land lying east of it. Medway refused the offer. It would have saved the proprietors of undivided lands a great deal of trouble afterward, if this plan had been adopted.

The Selectmen of Medfield Assembled with the Selectmen of Medway to Recon and find out what was due to the Town of Medway for there helping build medfield meetting house, and upon a Reconcing found Due to them £22 9s. 4d.

Medfield's proportion of the province tax was £115 1s. 8d. Medway's proportion was £52 14s.

1715. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, Samuel Smith, Ebenezer Mason, Samuel Rockwood, and John Dwight.

Jonathan Boyden, Representative.

Voted, That there is need of a proprietors meetting both of the proprietors of medfield and medway for the ordering and Disposing of the undivided Lands.

A wolf was killed by Samuel Bullen and Joshua Morse, for which they received a bounty of £1.

1716. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, John Fisher, Samuel Smith, Ebenezer Mason, and Joseph Ellis.

John Fisher, Representative.

Voted, That the way from the Country Road to william partredges house shall be shut up at both ends.

This road was near the present Green, Summer, and Pine Streets.

Voted, That the Selectmen shall place persons in the meetting house, and to lay out of the Towns money wt is needed for a new pew.

Edward Adams died, the last of the original settlers.

1717. Selectmen, Henry Adams, Joseph Ellis, Ebenezer Mason, Samuel Smith, and John Bowers.

Henry Adams, Representative.

Mr. Baxter's salary was advanced to £80.

A road was laid out "from a little bridge near the house of Samuel Smith to the end of Samuel Clark's field." This was the beginning of Granite Street.

PROPRIETORS' MEETING.

The proprietors of the common and undivided lands in Medfield and Medway organized in 1717, under a warrant from Penn Townsend, for the purpose of preventing encroachments upon the common lands and the cutting down of young trees, with a view also to the division of said lands among the proprietors. These "proprietors" were the real-estate owners and tax-payers of both towns. A meeting was called at the meeting-house in Medfield. Jonathan Plympton was chosen moderator and proprietors' clerk. A committee of five—Henry Adams, Joseph Clark, and Jonathan Plimpton of Medfield, John Rockwood and John Bullard of Medway—was chosen to call meetings of the proprietors in future. Neither town alone could henceforth grant lands. That must be done conjointly at the proprietors' meetings.

1718. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, Henry Adams, Samuel Smith, Eleazar Ellis, and Captain Joseph Clark.

John Adams, Representative.

Voted, That the Select Men shall petition the General Court in the Name of the Town to grant them Some Country Land in consideration of so many familys, and so much Land taken from them and to prosecute it to efect so far as thay can se any probabillity to obtain it at the Towns charge.

This was the first recorded movement toward the settlement at "New Medfield" or Sturbridge.

Voted, That whatsoever person or persons with in this Town bounds in the mounths of April and may in this present year kill any Rattle Snake or Rattle Snakes in this town bounds shall have six pence a snake by bringing for evidence an inch of the snakes tail To the Treas' when he shall have his pay.

Granted £20 for the school, "to be Kept at three parts of the Town some time at one part and some time at

another as the select men shall order it." This was the first step toward the establishment of the North and South Schools. Previous to this, the school had been kept at the centre for the whole town.

THE NEW ROAD TO DEDHAM.

The town petitioned for a new way to be laid out between Medfield and Dedham; and the road now generally travelled between the two towns was built.

1719. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, Coroner John Fisher, John Dwight, Samuel Smith, and Joseph Ellis.
Henry Adams, Representative.

It appears that people were in the habit of taking away timber trees from the common lands, as the proprietors voted "to take some care that the timber be not strayed upon broad meadow Island."

It was decided to lay out nine hundred acres of the common lands, of which there were tracts lying around the farms in every section of both towns. All the freeholders, and other inhabitants having twenty pounds of ratable estate, as well as "antient men whose heads through age" were left out in making the taxes, were to share proportionately.

Other land was laid out at various times afterward; and the business of the proprietors continued nearly a century, their last recorded meeting having been held in 1817.

In answer to the petition of the selectmen of Medfield, the Court, October 26, ordered,—

That the way leading from the town of Dedham to the town of Medfield be and is alowed and Declared to be a Publick Road or highway as appears upon Court Records.

1720. Selectmen, Samuel Barber, Jonathan Boyden, Samuel Smith, Eleazar Wheelock, and Joseph Clark.
Coroner John Fisher was Representative.

NOON HOUSE.

Jonathan Plimpton, Henry Smith, David Morse, Nathaniel Morse, John Allen, and Samuel Clark, all of whom lived in the outermost portions of the town, asked of the proprietors "a small piece of land to sett a house upon, about 12 feet square, for Conveniency on the Sabbath days between meetings."

1721. Selectmen, Henry Adams, Samuel Smith, Joseph Ellis, Jonathan Plimpton, and Solomon Clark.

Henry Adams, Representative.

The selectmen employed John Bullen to keep school at his house in the north part of the town. Stephen Sabin was also to keep school at his own house. At a town-meeting, "it was put to vote whether they were of the mind to take up their proportion of the bank-bills out of the province Treasury. It was voted in the affirmative." Three men were then chosen as trustees, with instructions to keep a fair account, and to let to no one man above £20 nor less than £10, and never without surety.

March 31, 1721, the Legislature had voted to loan £50,000 to the towns with certain restrictions. This was the origin of the paper money afterward known as "bills of public credit."

These bills greatly depreciated, and were redeemed finally in 1751 at the rate of ten for one.

1722. Selectmen, Henry Adams, Samuel Smith, Jonathan Plimpton, Joseph Ellis, and Eleazar Bullard.

Henry Adams, Representative.

Voted that a monthly contribution be taken for Mr. Baxter in addition to his salary.

It was ordered that the school be kept a part of the year near Ebenezer Mason's, or the house that was Eleazar Partridge's (corner of North and Railroad Streets), and a part of the year near Isaac Wheeler's or Captain Clark's (Curve Street).

Troops were raised to go against the French and Indians;

and, in the rolls of the State, we find the names of eleven soldiers from Medfield :—

Eleazar Thompson.	Samuel Ellis.
Solomon Bullard.	James Penniman.
Benjamin Archer.	Peter Cooledge.
Pompey Fisher.	Benjamin Force.
John Wilson.	John Bullen.
Job Partridge.	

These were not all natives of this town, but were perhaps hired for the service.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The town was held to answer for not maintaining a grammar school according to law, and the following is the reply of the selectmen :—

DEC. 26, 1722.

Whereas the town of Medfield having been presented for some deficiency in a school according to law, we, whose names are underwritten, being selectmen of the said town of Medfield, do certifie your honors that for several years past we have had a constant schoolmaster who is very capable to learn to read and write &c. in English, and is very inclinable for that work; and we have not at any time been without such a school except it were a small space of time last July, when the schoolmaster was taken ill and incapable of that work: we, the selectmen, did quickly seek out another to supply that place. And we have been constantly supplied to this time till the same schoolmaster hath been recovered and is now engaged in that work. And, may it please your honors, we are certain that we had such a school when that presentment was made.

And as for the number of householders or families in our town referring to a grammar school. Indeed in former years we had such a number of families and had a grammar school for some years before Medway was taken from us and is a distinct town: we were ready to conform to our duty in the law, but now, may it please your honors, our town falleth short considerably of 100 householders or families, we having sufficient knowledge of every family within the town bounds, which bounds contains no more than 3 mile one way and 4 miles the other way. And to the best of our understandings we have carefully reckoned up all the families in the town and can find but 94 families.

About this date, the road from South Street to the mill, now known as Philip Street, is mentioned; but the record of the laying out of that road is lost.

1723. Selectmen, Henry Adams, Samuel Smith, Jonathan Plimpton, Solomon Clark, and Abraham Harding.

Henry Adams, Representative.

A highway was laid out from John Allen's house, extending eastward or north-eastward to a little brook near Samuel Clark's house. This was what is now called Rocky Lane, with an unused way, and parts of Granite Street.

THE NATICK DAM.

Voted, To petition the General Court not to grant liberty to Mr. Thomas Sawing to make a Dam Cross Charles River at natick least it prove a damage to our meadows.

Sawin built a saw-mill about this time on Charles River at Natick, but, owing to the prevention of drainage to the meadows, was compelled to remove it.

Voted, That the School might be kept in the midle of the Town some time this winter.

Granted £26 for a grammar school. The following papers are found in the State archives :—

March 19, 1723.

These may certifie whom it may concern that we the subscribers, understanding that the selectmen of Medfield have procured Mr. Jabez Wight to teach a grammar school in Medfield, and being desired by the said selectmen to signifie our approbation of him as the law directs, do well approve the said Mr. Wight as a person suitably qualified according to law for that service, and some of us know that he is now engaged in that work in Medfield.

JOSEPH BAXTER.
DANIEL BAKER.
HENRY MESSINGER.

March 26, 1723.

These may certifie the honored his Majesties Justices in their session of the peace for the county of Suffolk at Boston, March the 27th, 1723. That the subscribers, being selectmen of Medfield, have procured a grammar schoolmaster within our town, being one Mr. Jabez Wight, who is approved by the ministers as the law directs, who is now for some time engaged in that work in Medfield, but not to trouble your honours with anything now at this time as to the number of families in our town. We remain your honours humble servants with submission to your wise determination.

In 1723, the Representative to the General Court served eighty-nine days, at 4s. a day, which was, according to the custom then, paid by the town.

1724. Selectmen, Henry Adams, Samuel Smith, Eleazar Bullard, Jonathan Plimpton, and Abraham Harding.
Henry Adams, Representative.

MEETING-HOUSE POND.

In answer to the petition of William Plimpton, The Town grant him liberty to make a Dam Cross the brook near the meeting house, about five or six feet high, for the use of a fulling mill to be set near the house of Joseph Ellice, with the use of so much land at the brook as such a Dam may flow with water for so long a time as he, his heirs or assigns shall maintain a fulling mill for the benefit of the Town, provided that it be no Damage to the Country Road at the little bridge just above; provided that he make good what Damage Cometh thereby to the pound or to any particular near neighbor, and that the water be always let out for two months in the summer time yearly in the months of July and August.

£100 granted to finish the meeting-house "for more convenience."

It was put to vote whether the town would have the two side galleries taken up and made narrower for more Convenience and prospect; and it passed in the negative.

At a subsequent meeting, voted "that the committee shall take away two seats in each end gallery at the Towns Charge."

1725. Selectmen, Henry Adams, Solomon Clark, Samuel Smith, Samuel Clark, and John Ellis.

Solomon Clark, Representative.

The March meeting was moved to the house of Samuel Sadey, "by Reason of the Cold." Sadey kept tavern on North Street, opposite the head of Dale Street.

Mr. Baxter's salary was advanced to £100.

£30 to be raised "for further work about the meeting house; to make two seats Round in the uper Galleries; and finishing the whitewashing and underpinning the meeting-

house; Raising the pulpit; and other things that shall be thought necessary, as far as the money will go."

The Evans estate, near the corner of Bridge and Main Streets, was settled in 1725; and in the papers mention is made of a point on the brook "where the mill did stand." There is a tradition that there was once a mill in that locality, but no further reference to it has been found in writing.

1726. Selectmen, Samuel Smith, Henry Adams, Joseph Plimpton, John Dwight, and Ichabod Harding.

George Barber, Representative.

Samuel Smith was elected town clerk. He served nine years.

Joseph Baxter, Jr., kept school for £30.

A "widow Bullard" had been the only pauper for several years.

1727. Selectmen, Samuel Smith, John Dwight, Joseph Plimpton, Samuel Clark, and John Ellis.

Joshua Morse, Representative.

A petition was presented to the selectmen that they would lay out a road "over the mill brook neare the Land of Samuel Bullens Caled the Divident, and so along by Nathaniel Clark's Lott and over a small brook near the meadow of Isaac Chinerys, and from thence along to the Contry Road upon the hill a little beyond the sawmill." This is the road through the woods in the easterly part of the town, turning from Main Street near the stone mill.

A petition was presented to the General Court for a grant of land lying between Oxford, Brimfield, Brookfield, and the province line. This was signed by Joshua Morse, Abraham Harding, Joseph Plimpton, Jonathan Boyden, and several others, residents of other towns.

1728. Selectmen, Samuel Smith, John Ellis, Ebenezer Mason, Samuel Wight, and Henry Adams.

Henry Adams, Representative.

A road was laid out "from the highway that goes over mill brook by Bullens Devident, to Stephen Sabins house,

to go on the southwest side of the house till it comes to Two Great Rocks, then Turn Northward till it Comes into the Country Road by Joshua Morses fence"; provided the road be made without expense to the town.

This was the old way in the woods from the Dedham road, turning in at "Hatter Hill," southward through what is known as "Goudy" to mill brook.

A piece of land bounded east and south by North and Dale Streets was set apart for the town's use. It continued public property a long time.

1729. Selectmen, Samuel Smith, Jonathan Plimpton, Stephen Sabin, Samuel Sadey, and John Adams.

Mr. Baxter's salary was made £120.

A proposition was made to grant money for the purpose of building school-houses in the different parts of the town.

It was voted down.

1730. Selectmen, Samuel Smith, Jonathan Plimpton, Samuel Clark, Stephen Sabin, and Ebenezer Mason.

Ebenezer Mason, Representative.

Voted, To Build two School houses and to place them on some Convenient Place not exceeding three-quarters of a mile Both Southward and Northward from the meeting house neare the Roads that lead towards Sherborn and Wrentham.

Granted £50 for the purpose.

1731. Selectmen, Samuel Smith, Abraham Harding, Joseph Plimpton, John Ellis, and George Barber.

Joseph Plimpton, Representative.

Voted, That the boys shall set in the short seats such as are under sixteen years of age on the Saboth day; that the present tything men Take Care of the boys that they do not Profane the Saboth.

Voted, That the Town's Stock of pouder & Bullets Be kept in the meeting house.

The attic of the meeting-house was frequently in those days used for a magazine.

Mr. Baxter had a grant from the town of half an acre near the meeting-house to build a house upon. He did not pro-

ceed with the building. The lot was that now occupied by the straw works.

Granted £6 "to purchase a funeral Cloath and one pound for a bier." £1 12s. 8d. raised "to encorrag the killing of wild cats."

MOVEMENT FOR A NEW COUNTY.

Voted, To petition the General Court with Other of the Neighboring Towns that shall Joyne with them that there may be a new County Erected and set up in the County of Suffolk.

1732. Selectmen, Samuel Smith, Jonathan Plimpton, Ebenezer Mason, Samuel Clark, and Ephraim Wight.

Joshua Morse, Representative.

A committee was chosen to build two new school-houses, each eighteen by sixteen feet. They were instructed to "Improve the old School House to help Build the new ones." One of these was built near the site of the present South School-house, the other just north of Dale Street.

Joseph Metcalf is appointed to take care of and keep the Town's funeral Cloath so long as he shall take care to digg the Graves.

Voted, That the Committee shall Place persons in the meeting house by age and Estates, that is to say: To Ballance one year of age with one pound of Raal and personal estate by the last year's Bill given in for assessments, excepting such persons as are of fifty years of age and upwards it is left in the Judgment of the Committee to advance such as they Please.

Mr. Baxter's salary was to be £130.

1733. Selectmen, Samuel Smith, Jonathan Plimpton, Joseph Plimpton, Samuel Clark, and Abraham Harding.

Joseph Morse, Representative.

Voted, To divide the Time when the School shall be kept as to two third Parts of the time in a School house in the middle of the town and one third Part of the time in the School houses that are Built by perticular persons att the north and south ends of the Town free from Charge for house Room at sd houses for 20 years next ensuing. And apply to the quater sessions for approbation that it may be a by Law for the Town: and to move the school house that is Raised neare John Pratts neare to the Contry Road South east from the meeting house at a place where the horse Block stands on the East side of the highway.

Voted, That the Selectmen shall be a Committee for the moving the schoolhouse and take Care to finish it and Dispose of what shall be left of Brick or Boards or timber both of the new and old school house.

Granted liberty to Henry Smith and others "to set a smal Room to the west end of the School house when it is moved to the place at the horse Block." This was probably a "noon-house."

Voted, To Instruct the Representative to stand by and maintaine the Liberties and Privilidges of the Contry agreeable to the present Royal Charter.

The crown had appointed Jonathan Belcher Governor of Massachusetts, and required the colony to pay him a fixed salary, a demand which the people stoutly resisted.

1734. Selectmen, Samuel Smith, Samuel Morse, Abraham Harding, John Bullen, and Samuel Turner.

George Barber, Representative.

Voted £160 in "bills of public credit" for Mr. Baxter's salary.

A road was laid out from the house of Ebenezer Mason, Sen., to Dedham line, near Ephraim Wight's house. This was a widening and straightening of Farm Street and parts of North Street. Also "a way from this to Joseph Allen's house, thence to Dedham line." This was the portion of North Street from Farm Street to Dover. The road in the south part of the town since called Granite Street was straightened by crossing a little swamp nine rods wide. We are told that there was "a very great croak in it before."

1735. Selectmen, John Dwight, Joseph Plimpton, Samuel Clark, Samuel Morse, and John Bullen.

George Barber, Representative.

John Dwight was chosen town clerk. He served six years.

Another petition for a new county was sent in.

A road was laid out from "the Littel bridge in the rail-tree neck, so along by Abijah Bakers house and along near John turners house and from thence by John allen's house

to Henry Smiths house." This was near the present location of parts of High and Plain Streets.

A road was laid out "from dedham Line by the house of thomas Masons and so by the house of Henry Plimptons and so across a brushy plain to the house of William Partridge." This was the north-easterly part of Pine Street, connecting with Green Street by a road now unused.

"Also from henry Plimptons meddow to Henry huckers house And so to John Prats." This was the westerly end of Pine Street to its junction with North Street.

John Allen and Samuel Turner had liberty to build a noon-house on the town's land near the meeting-house.

A road was laid out from Joshua Boyden's to Seth Clark's, since called Pound Street.

£2 10s. 1d. raised to pay for killing wildcats.

1736. Selectmen, John Dwight, Samuel Bullen, William Plimpton, Jonathan Metcalf, and John Baxter.

Joshua Morse, Representative.

Voted, That Joseph Clark shall have the use of the burying Place for feeding ten years for five shillings a year, provided he make and maintaine a good and sufficient fence and Leave it in good repair att the ten years end: and the sd Clark shall not cut down or cary of any wood or timber upon sd burying place.

1737. Selectmen, John Dwight, Abraham Harding, Samuel Sadey, Henry Smith, and Seth Clark.

George Barber, Representative.

A road was laid out from Dedham line through land of Cheney and Thurston; probably the road near Cedar Hill, connecting with Green Street, which the town voted to discontinue in 1856.

Voted, That the town will build Pewes In the short seates and Long seates in the Easte end of the Meeting house.

1738. Selectmen, John Dwight, Abraham Harding, John Ellis, James Ellis, and Ephraim Cheney.

Jonathan Plimpton, Representative.

Voted, That every persin In the Town th' keeps sheep shall record their marks some time this month of March with John Pratt.

A road was laid out by the county from John Metcalf's to Centre meadow, the town having refused those who petitioned for it.

A pound was built forty by thirty-five feet, on the old spot near the meeting-house.

The earliest records of the old church, extant, are dated June 6, 1738. On that day, the church voted:—

1. That what hath been already recorded in a Book with respect to the admission of church members, &c., as well as the names of those who were in full communion when there was a pastor last settled in this church, viz. on April 21, 1697, shall be entered and recorded in this new book.

2. That there shall be a record made in said book of all church acts that shall be made or passed hereafter, or from this time.

Mr. Baxter evidently transcribed with his own hand from some older record, which is now lost.

In 1738, the territory granted to Medfield in Worcester County, which had been called New Medfield, was incorporated by the General Court, and named Sturbridge.

1739. Selectmen, John Dwight, Abraham Harding, Edward Turner, Seth Clark, and John Pratt.

Jonathan Plimpton, Representative.

DEER REEVES.

Voted and chose John Ellise and Solomon Clark jr. In order to prevent violation of the Late Law made for the better preservation of deer.

1740. Selectmen, John Dwight, Edward Turner, Timothy Hamant, Henry Adams, and Jonathan Wight.

Jonathan Plimpton, Representative.

Town voted again to petition for a new county.

At this date, we learn that £6 10s. 9d., in bills of old tenor, were just equal to £2 3s. 7d., new tenor, or three for one.

1741. Selectmen, Nathan Plimpton, Samuel Ellis, Thomas Adams, Eleazar Ellis, and Edward Turner.

John Dwight, Representative.

Nathan Plimpton was chosen town clerk. He served four years.

A road was laid out from Walpole line past Jeremiah Clark's house toward the way formerly laid out toward John Allen's house. This was the part of Granite Street toward Walpole plain. Also, a road from John Baxter's house by the house of John Fisher, Jr., to the road from Henry Plimpton's to Henry Hooker's. This was the old road east of Castle Hill, leading from Pine Street.

Voted to petition the town of Medway for a change in the boundary by drawing a straight line from Charles River near Dyer's Neck to Boggestow Brook near Bridge Island.

The church considered the question whether infant slaves might receive baptism, their parents not being in covenant.

Voted that, if the masters think it their duty to bring such children, it should not be denied them.

1742. Selectmen, Thomas Adams, Edward Turner, Elisha Bullen, Eleazar Ellis, and Nathaniel Morse.

John Dwight, Representative.

A road was laid out from Frairy's bridge to "the way that Goes from the Long Causey to Jadewalk." The road is now called Noon Hill Street.

Mr. Baxter gave up to the town his right to the half-acre of land near the meeting-house. His salary was made £180, old tenor, or £60, middle tenor. A quarterly contribution was to be taken up toward supplying the pulpit "at present in his weakness."

The first list of jurors is mentioned: ten were put in the box for the superior and fifteen for the inferior court.

The great religious awakening about this time brought seventy persons into the Medfield church during the year.

1743. Selectmen, Thomas Adams, Edward Turner, Eleazar Ellis, Samuel Ellis, Jr., and Thomas Mason.

Deacon Barber and others had leave to build a "House about Fourteen feet square on the most convenient place between Lieut. Coollidges shop and the pond so to go into on Sabbath day noons."

Mr. Baxter's salary was made £55 lawful money, or £220, old tenor.

FISH RUNNING UP CHARLES RIVER.

A committee was chosen to see the act and law be duly observed and executed, so that Charles River be cleared, that fish may have a free pass according to law.

In the early times, it is said that shad and alewives ran up the river to breeding-grounds at Populatic Pond in Franklin.

Voted, That the Town will Clapboard the South East side & South West end of the Meeting House & mak convenient Windows & under pin sd House and do what may be best to keep it from spreading.

The owners of meadows near Long Causey and Dwight's bridge presented a complaint to the Court that, by reason of the dam at Natick, their meadows were under water almost the year round, and asked that the meadows be viewed from Dwight's bridge to Natick to discover the cause of the damage.

1744. Selectmen, Edward Turner, Henry Adams, John Pratt, Samuel Morse, and Peter Cooledge.

Joshua Morse, Representative.

The account of the committee on repairing the meeting-house was objected to, because they had put up "spouts," and nothing had been said about spouts in their instructions.

At this date there was a saw-mill on the brook some distance south of the Dedham road, which was run by James Goudy. A boy of Goudy's was killed by the logs rolling over him. The site of the mill is yet visible in the woods.

Medfield was fined £15 for not sending a Representative last year.

MR. BAXTER'S COLLEAGUE.

The town voted to hire another minister "to preach the word of God to them during Mr. Baxter's present infirmities." Rev. Jonathan Townsend was hired for three months.

Town voted that a day of fasting and prayer be called, "in order to setling a minister in Co-league with Mr. Baxter, and so to desire some of the Neighboring ministers to join in sd Fast."

1745. Selectmen, Edward Adams, Samuel Morse, John Pratt, Henry Adams, and Peter Cooledge.

Peter Cooledge was chosen town clerk. He served eighteen years.

Voted and Chose (in Concurrence with the Church) Mr. Jonathan Townsend jr. as a Gospel minister to settle a Coleague with the Revd Mr. Joseph Baxter.

Granted him "that Persel of land at the North East End of the Meeting House," with £400, old tenor, as his "encouragement," and £200 a year salary; also that he have leave to get his firewood on the town's land, and have the improvement of the town's land on Frairy Street. If he should continue after Mr. Baxter's decease, he was to have £55 a year in "bills of the last emition."

Mr. Baxter died on the 2d of May; and, at a town-meeting subsequently, it is recorded that "Divers well-Disposed Persons made a susscription of what they freely Gave towards the Charge of the funeral of the Rev. Joseph Baxter."

ORDINATION DAY.

Mr. Townsend was ordained October 23. A committee was chosen to provide entertainment for the council, the ministers, and scholars, and Mr. Townsend's relations that should be present at the ordination. The constables were directed to guard the pulpit, the table, the two pews next to the table, and the body of seats, for the council and the church and for Mr. Townsend's relatives on ordination day.

A bill was afterward brought in for the entertainment, of £59 2s. 10d., old tenor. Several persons dissented from the legality of the account. There was some dissatisfaction with the selection of Mr. Townsend as pastor, which grew into a permanent disaffection.

Mr. Townsend built his house on the parcel of land granted him near the meeting-house. After it passed out of the possession of the Townsend family, it was occupied by Rev. Charles Robinson as a dwelling during his pastorate. Finally, it was used as a straw-shop, and was destroyed by fire with adjacent buildings in 1876.

1746. Selectmen, Samuel Morse, Edward Turner, Peter Coolege, Timothy Hamant, and James Penniman. George Barber, Representative.

Several dissatisfied brethren asked to be dismissed to the second church in Wrentham. This was refused, and they then asked that a council be called to adjust the differences between them and the church. This was also refused. It seems that these brethren had charged that the church had broken covenant in regard to discipline, but in what particulars is not known.

1747. Selectmen, Edward Turner, Samuel Morse, Peter Coolege, Timothy Hamant, and Jonathan Wight, Jr. Samuel Morse, Representative.

Parties had leave to build a noon-house south-west of the meeting-house.

Voted, To build pews in the short seats in the corners of the meeting house on each side of the pulpit.

Granted for the support of schools, £25, old tenor.

The dissatisfied element in the old church did not weaken. The church voted that those who have charged the church with a breach of covenant should come no more to the communion till satisfaction was made for the injury done by the charge. This was defined, by vote, to mean exclusion from sitting at the Lord's table and taking any part in church action.

1748. Selectmen, Edward Turner, Samuel Morse, Timothy Hamant, Peter Coolege, and Thomas Mason.

Samuel Morse, Representative.

The number of dissatisfied church members was increasing, and the church finally voted to call a council. Some

matters in dispute had been laid before the council called at the time of Mr. Townsend's ordination. The church now did not wish to have those matters reopened. As a result of the council, the platform of church discipline agreed upon at Cambridge in 1648 was accepted; and one of the disaffected, William Plimpton, was received back to fellowship.

1749. Selectmen, Edward Turner, Seth Clark, Peter Cooledge, Samuel Smith, and Moses Harding.

Seth Clark, Representative.

"Several uneasy persons in the town of Medfield apprehending that the making of the taxes is not legal, because they are all assessed in one list instead of separately," the General Court was petitioned to empower the constable to collect the taxes, "though the custom in making the list be not in accordance with the practice in some other towns." An empowering act was passed.

Thomas and James Boyden, living in the northerly part of Wrentham, but who attended church here, were by vote of the town "to be seated in the meeting house in some Proper Plases."

THE CANADA SOLDIERS.

Voted, That the money Recd for Impresses shall be returned to the Soldiars that Did the service in the Last war Proportionally to the service they Paid. He that did a whole Turne to Receive Double to him that Did half a Turne.

We learn from this, which is the only reference to the matter, that men had been drafted for the expeditions against Canada; but their names are not given. We only know that Joseph Clark and Samuel Hooker died at Cape Breton in 1746.

1750. Selectmen, Seth Clark, Peter Cooledge, Samuel Smith, John Baxter, and Seth Morse.

A new saw-mill of Ephraim Cheney's is mentioned.

Granted liberty to Ebenezer Bullard to Buld a small House on the Towns Land between Nathaniel Smith and Joshua Boydens Near the Crowners fence for him and his Wiff to Live in.

The location was at the junction of South and Pound Streets. No indication that a house was built there, however, has been found.

Granted Power to the Commity Chose to seat the Boydens and thier Wifes, to Alter the Seting of some Persons in the meeting house Where Death has made a vacancy.

COMPULSORY SUPPORT OF PARISH MINISTERS.

Respecting the Awfull Petition Prefered by a number to be freed from Paying to the support of the minestry, it was Dismised.

Agitation commenced about this time in regard to those of different religious persuasions being compelled to pay for the support of the parish ministers.

A road was laid out from the west side of Huckleberry Hill to a road leading from Green Street to Rocky Woods.

1751. Selectmen, Seth Clark, Peter Cooledge, Samuel Smith, John Baxter, and Seth Morse.

Ephraim Chenery, Representative.

A committee was chosen "to Transcribe some Records out of one of the Town Books into another." What they did, if anything, is unknown.

A road was laid out "from Isaac Wheeler's Barne the way by Thomas Clark's to a Bridg Below Thos Clarks mill."

Wheeler's barn was at the corner of South and Curve Streets, and Clark's mill was on the site of that now owned by Mr. Kingsbury.

Another road was laid out "from Joshua Bullards to Dedham Line by Seth Morses the way to Round Plain." This is a part of what is now called Railroad Street, from Canal Street to Dover line.

ANTI-PEDOBAPTISTS.

The assessors and town clerk received certificates from Mr. Bound's church in Boston, stating that Ebenezer Mason and Ezekiel Adams were in regular membership there. A statute had been passed by which such persons might be

excused from ministerial taxes on presentation of these certificates. They, with some others in this town, had become "anti-pedobaptists."

1752. Selectmen, Samuel Smith, John Baxter, William Peters, Jonathan Wight, Jr., and Seth Clark.

Ephraim Chenery, Representative.

The first Baptist meetings in Medfield were held in 1752. Seven men who had united with Mr. Bound's church obtained leave to hold meetings here as a branch of that church, and to grant certificates. They were Ebenezer Mason, Ezekiel Adams, Nathan Plimpton, John Allen, Joshua Morse, Joseph Plimpton, and John Cutler.

1753. Selectmen, Samuel Smith, Seth Morse, Simon Harding, Thomas Adams, and Oliver Ellis.

Peter Cooledge, Representative.

Oliver Ellis and about eighty others sent a petition to the General Court for relief, on account of their meadows being overflowed by Matthew Hastings' dam at Natick. The petition was dismissed. The petitioners brought a suit against Hastings for damages. It was decided against them. Then, Hastings brought a suit against them for malicious prosecution; and the petitioners asked of the Court relief from him. His proceedings were stayed. Thereupon, Hastings sent in a statement that "old men who had known the meadows well before any dam was built, and who also know them now, declare that they are no more flowed now than before; and that person's owning meadows much nearer the dam make no complaint. But these eighty of Medfield and Medway are pursuing him with multiplied law-suits, with the aim to oppress him and bear him costs," etc. The commissioners of sewers attempted some measures of relief. The meadow owners were assessed to pay charges. What the result of their action was is not stated.

1754. Selectmen, Samuel Smith, Timothy Hamant, Barachias Mason, Seth Clark, and Seth Wight.

Simon Plimpton, Representative.

Voted "to Buld some sutable Place to hang the Bell on that is Procured for the towns use." The town had voted some time before this that the bell should not be rung.

Voted "that sd Bell should be Hung at the east end of the meeting house." Liberty was given "to Get Timber on the Bridge Island to buld for Hanging sd Bell."

Voted "that the Town will pay the Whole Cost of Bulding the Belfre and Terat"; and "to Give order to Cut a Door throw the Long Seats."

A tax-list called the "Steple rate" was made, of £38 19s. 6d.

We conclude that a projection was built on the end of the meeting-house next to North Street, from the ground to the ridge, and that this was surmounted by a turret in which the bell was hung. A new entrance to the house appears to have been made from this belfry or porch.

Voted, To Choose Agents to Enter a Complaint to the Grand Jury of the next Superior Cort for the County of Suffolk against Matthew Hastings of Natick for a Nusance a Cròss Charles River Which Causes Long Causey, Dwights Causey and the Causey Leading to Holbrooks Bridg to be overflowed With Water and Thereby Rendered in a Great Measure unserviceable the Greatest Part of the year.

1755. Selectmen, Moses Harding, Seth Clark, Seth Dwight, Joshua Boyden, and Oliver Ellis.

Ephraim Chenery, Representative.

A road was laid out "from the Corner of John Allens Wall to Wallpole Line." This was that part of High Street beyond Plain Street.

Another highway was ordered from North Street to the road "leading to Henry Hookers," now called Winter Street.

The town lot near Dale Street was sold, and the money reserved for the use of the ministry; also another town lot at the south corner of Curve and South Streets. The "ministerial fund," so called, was derived from the sale of town lands in part, and in part from bequests.

THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR.

This town contributed its quota of men for the wars. In the archives is the following :—

To the whole Court now Setting in Boston :

Your petitioner humbly sheweth that as he hath been in the late expedition towards Crown Point but as he was returning from the campaign, he was taking sick at Springfield and there confined for the space of nine weeks which occasioned a great charge to arise. Your petitioner therefore prays that you would Consider the expence and allow him the said as you will find by the Doctor's Bill, and that the attendance is about as much more, but he has got no ac't of it in Writing; therefore your petitioner prays your consideration on the same that you would allow him this charge, in the meantime he remains your humble petitioner.

LEMUEL BOYDEN.

£8 6s. 3d. was paid him out of the public treasury.

1756. Selectmen, Moses Harding, John Baxter, Seth Dwight, Samuel Morse, and David Clark.

Ephraim Chenery, Representative.

The school was ordered to be kept one-half of the time in the north and south parts of the town, and the other half in the centre. Only one school was in session at the same time.

Later in the year, "Voted to Set of that Part of the Town South of South Plain brook Including Thomas Clark, for the South side school, and to use their own money"; also "to Set off the north School as far as Jesse Pratts, thay to have their own money."

£20 was granted "for the maintenance of the French neutrals sent here by the order of the General Court last year." These "French neutrals" were from the unfortunate Acadians, who were scattered through the whole country.

A committee was chosen "to Clear and fence the Burying Plase and to Reserve the Wood."

1757. Selectmen, Thomas Mason, Simon Plimpton, Eliakim Morse, Joshua Boyden, and David Lovel.

Peter Cooledge, Representative.

1758. Selectmen, John Baxter, David Lovel, Joshua Boyden, John Fisher, and James Richardson.

Peter Cooledge, Representative.

Voted, To buld a Work house for the Town to stow the French in and other Poore as the town may have ocation . . . between the school house and the Horse house adjoinig to Wheelocks Land, the Dementions of sd House 32 feet Long and 14 feet wide.

£20 was granted for the purpose. At a later meeting, it was voted to set the workhouse on the common land beyond Eliakim Morse's. Finally, the whole thing was reconsidered and abandoned. This is the first recorded movement for an almshouse in this town.

1759. Selectmen, William Peters, John Fisher, Ephraim Chenery, Thomas Adams, and Henry Plimpton.

Ephraim Chenery, Representative.

The location of the Jadewalk road was changed, and "the old west road" was discontinued. There was also some change in Canal Street, near the present railroad crossing.

In the State archives is the following paper:—

The subscribers, a committee of the town of Medfield, show cause why the petition of Dorchester in respect of a bridge over Neponset River near Jackson's mills ought not to pass.

The town of Medfield receives no more benefit from the said bridge than the county in general, and the town of Dorchester, in particular, do. The small town of Medfield, which is but three miles east and west, and four miles north and south, have built and maintained the half of three bridges over Charles River, and the whole of three bridges over Stop River, besides bridges over the smaller streams, most of them in the great country roads, for near a hundred years without any charge to the county.

The Suffolk County tax for 1759 upon the several towns was as follows:—

Boston, . . .	£	250	os.	od.	Wrentham, . . .	£	10	13s.	6d.
Roxbury, . . .	13	13	11		Medway, . . .	5	7	6	
Dorchester, . . .	13	13	6		Stoughton, . . .	10	6	3	
Milton, . . .	7	3	1		Hull, . . .	2	10	0	
Braintree, . . .	15	10	10		Brookline, . . .	4	2	7	
Weymouth, . . .	9	3	6		Needham, . . .	6	14	6	
Hingham, . . .	16	1	10		Bellingham, . . .	2	3	0	
Dedham, . . .	10	13	8		Walpole, . . .	3	17	0	
Medfield, . . .	13	13	4		Chelsea, . . .	5	12	0	

1760. Selectmen, William Peters, John Fisher, Seth Dwight, David Clark, and Henry Plimpton.

Peter Cooledge, Representative.

Voted, To Divide the school into three Districts for the Terme of Twenty years: any of the Inhabitants of Each District to have Liberty to send any Child to the Gramer School in the midle District to Learn the Lattin Tongue and the Mathematical arts.

Voted, To Grant the Sum of Thirteen Pounds Six Shillings and Eight pence Including the old House Towards Bulding a School house in the midle of the Town where the old School house now Stands, Provided perticular Persons will subscribe a Sum Sufficient to finish sd House, the subscribers to have the Privilidge of Improving the sd house for a Private School when there is no town school kept in it.

This was the third school-house in the centre. It appears that new school-houses were needed in the north and south districts also. Perhaps the schools had outgrown the sixteen by eighteen buildings erected in 1732.

A tax-list of £80 was made "for the Bulding and purchasing Schoolhouses."

Joseph Boyden, of Medfield, sent the following petition to the General Court : —

Your petitioner served as a private in Hammond's company of Col. Willard's regiment in the campaign of last summer to the westward. Upon my return, crossing a river near No. 4, I narrowly escaped drowning and lost my gun in the river, a good and approved firelock not of less value than 40 shillings. Your petitioner prays allowance for his arms so lost.

Gershom Dunton and Amos Mason made oath that they saw Boyden fall into the river, and that he unavoidably lost his gun.

The bill among the State papers from the selectmen of this town for support of the French neutrals contains some items of interest : —

107½ lbs Beef	£1	16s.	od.
1544 " Pork	4	2	8
27 bush Ind. Corn	4	10	0
7½ " Rye	1	11	0
13 qts milk	0	0	11
Molasses, Sugar, biscet, and flower when they were sick,	3		8

We find that beef was 4*d.* and pork about 6*d.* a pound ; corn, 3*s.* 4*d.* ; and rye, 4*s.* a bushel ; milk less than a penny a quart.

There was also a bill of £13 3*s.* 10*d.* for house-rent.

A remonstrance was sent to the Legislature :—

We have been loaded with a very unequal proportion of the Province tax, one third more than other towns in the vicinity. Our town is smaller than may generally be thought of, making a square of three miles by four. After the Polls are deducted we are obliged to raise 19*½d.* upon the Pound on the estate of the town to complete the levy. We apprehend that the mistake was made in the valuation eleven years since. But further our circumstances have changed since that time, as we have been subjected to much hardship as our meadows have suffered by annual floods in part occasioned by a dam below us, which cost us much to be rid of. The nuisance has been repeated a little below, and still exists to our disadvantage. The quality of a great part of our meadows has been so altered that we cannot keep so large a stock by one third as we did when the valuation was taken. All who are acquainted with our dependence upon our meadows must be sensible greatly affects our whole interests.

Boston suffered by a great fire, and charitable contributions were made :—

BOSTON, 10th April, 1760.

Received from Medfield, wherof the Revd Mr Jonathan Townsend is pastor, Eighteen pounds, fourteen shillings, lawful money, by the hands of Mr Seth Dwight, for the use of the sufferers by the late great fire.

JOHN PHILLIPS.

The cross-road from Bridge Street to the Dingle Dell road was laid out. In 1856, the town voted to discontinue it.

1761. Selectmen, William Peters, Seth Dwight, John Fisher, Silvanus Plimpton, and John Baxter.

Peter Cooleedge, Representative.

Voted “to Chuse a Commity to buld a School house at the South End of the town.” A committee was chosen “to take a Deed of the North new School house for the Town.”

Voted, To give the Ruins of the old School house to the middle District.

Voted, The Selectmen take Care the uper Galery be fastened up So as young People Cannot Get in to play.

A highway was laid out "from George Smith's house to the road near Mt. Nebo." This is the road from Elm Street to Philip Street, now called Cross Street.

A province or State tax of £1,000 was levied. Medfield's proportion was £3 18s. 7d., or $\frac{2}{25}$ of the whole.

The following petitions are found among the State papers:

Joseph Boyden petitioned the General Court for relief, as, in the previous summer, he had been with Captain Hammond's company, and was taken sick at Ashuelot. His brother went after him at petitioner's charge. Court allowed him 16s. 8d.

William Hooker of Medfield had a son Philip in the same company. He was taken sick at Sheffield; and the petitioner went after him, brought him as far as Leicester, when he could hold out no longer. He went afterward to that place for him, and paid his charges there. Court allowed him £5.

Eliakim Morse petitioned for expenses in caring for Joseph Brooks, who served in Colonel Saltonstall's regiment at Crown Point. Nov. 20, 1760, he was ordered to take care of a soldier with the small-pox, returned to Medfield sick with that disease December 4, and died soon after. The charges for doctoring, nursing, loss of bedding, etc., amounted to £9 15s. 6d. Court allowed £7. Joseph Brooks was an Indian boy brought up in Medfield by Morse. He was buried near where he was taken care of in Rocky Woods, at a place called "the graves."

The names of those who served in the French and Indian war were, as far as can be ascertained, the following:—

Joshua Armsby.	Isaac Chenery.
Enoch Adams.	Wyatt Clark.
Lemuel Boyden.	Benjamin Clark.
Asa Boyden.	Daniel Clark.
Joseph Boyden.	James Clark.
Joshua Boyden.	Nathan Clark.
Benjamin Boyden.	Dyer Clark.
Hezekiah Bullard.	Nathan Cutler.
Micah Baker.	John Cutler.
Joseph Brooks.	Simeon Cutler.
Samuel Cheney.	Gershom Dunton.
Joseph Cheney.	Jesse Ellis.
Simon Cheney.	Timothy Hamant.

Francis Hamant.	Andrew Peters.
Benjamin Hewes.	Benjamin Peters.
Henry Harding.	Seth Partridge.
Philip Hooker.	Isaac Read.
Jonathan Lawrence.	Samuel Smith.
Nathan Lovel.	Seth Smith.
Ebenezer Mason, Jr.	Samuel Turner.
Amos Mason.	Ephraim Wheelock.
Joseph Morse.	Joseph Wheelock.
Aaron Wight.	

1762. Selectmen, David Lovell, Seth Clark, Daniel Perry, Jeremy Allen.

Eliakim Morse, Representative.

The town refused to settle with the committees chosen to build the South and Centre School-houses. They brought a suit against the town: the case was left to three arbitrators. The next we hear of it, the town granted £29 15s. 6d. to pay the two school-house committees.

Voted, To Clapboard the East End of the meeting House and Take the old Clabboards to mend the Backside; and to make four new windows in the Room of the four Large ones on the back side of the meeting house and such casements as are wanting, and Glaze the Same with Dimon Glass.

1763. Selectmen, Eliakim Morse, Samuel Morse, Jonathan Smith, Joseph Plimpton, and Moses Hartshorn.

Seth Clark, Representative.

John Baxter was chosen town clerk. He served eleven years.

£225 18s. 9d. was set apart as a school fund forever, and £87 6s. 8d. added to the ministerial fund. A board of trustees for each fund was appointed, and the income was to be paid into the town treasury. The money came from the sale of town land at Bridge Island and elsewhere.

POTASH WORKS.

An article was put into the warrant, "to see if the Town will vote to Sett up the potash works for the Use and Benefit of the town." Negatived.

A company was formed, and potash works were set up on Frairy Street at the place now owned by J. W. Paige. The manufacture was carried on there for thirty years.

A YOUNG WOMAN'S WEDDING OUTFIT IN 1763.

John Baxter gave to his daughter Mary, at her marriage :—

	OLD TENOR
A cow valued at	£30
Curtains and valences,	13 5s.
Bed, bedstead, underbed, two blankets, and coverlid, poorest bed,	14
Bed, new coverlid, two new blankets, old bedstead, old feathers, new bed-tick, and old underbed,	36 15
Three brass kettles,	27 18
Warming-pan,	5
Two brass skillets, iron pot, and tea-kettle,	6 8
Flat-irons, iron skillet, frying-pan,	5 5
Looking-glass, great wheel, little wheel,	8 5
New chest, twelve chairs,	12 15
Two keelers, churn, wash-dish,	6 17
Earthen, tin, and wooden ware,	5 1
Twelve pillow-beers, five tablecloths, and towels,	12
Four new tow sheets,	23 15
A pair of old cotton sheets,	2 10
A pair of old tow sheets,	
A pair of new woolen sheets, one old one,	8
A new bed-tick, new bedstead, and a bed-quilt,	24 5
Two old blankets, old bed-cord, and underbed,	24 5
Head curtains and valence, and pair of fine sheets,	13 15
A chest with two drawers, old one,	5
Two old tables,	1 10
Old "puter,"	3 5
Three meal-sacks,	3
Two milk-pails,	18

1764. Selectmen, John Baxter, Ezekiel Adams, Simon Harding, Oliver Ellis, and John Smith.

Seth Clark, Representative.

A proposition was made to build a house to put the town's ammunition in; also, to procure a house for the poor of the town. Both were refused.

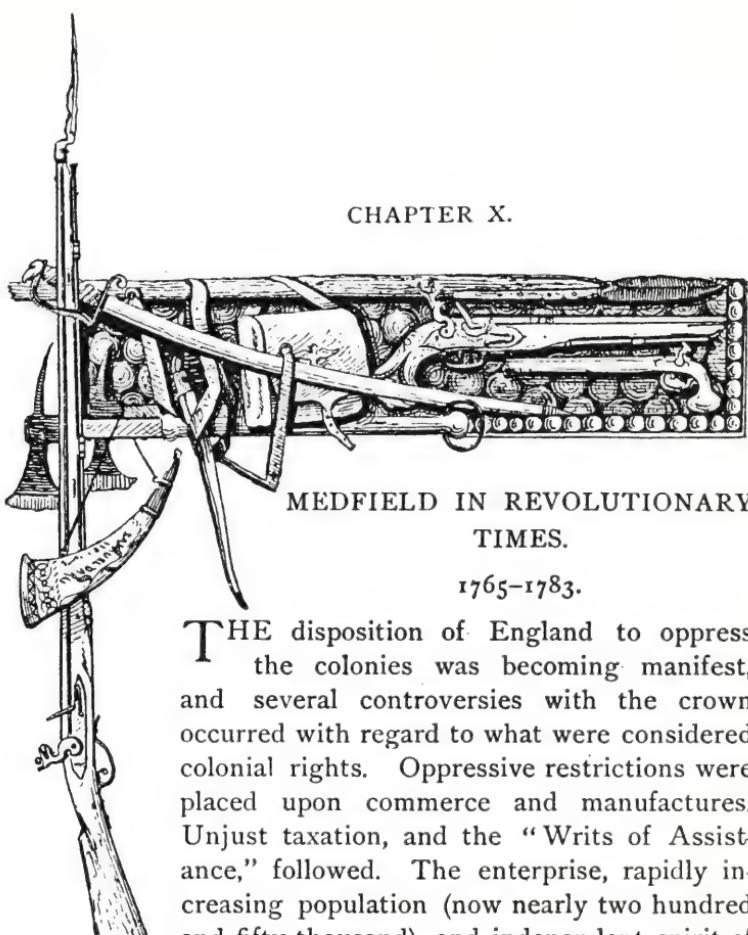
Voted, To Build four Pews in the Back Seats in the meeting House and three Pews in the East End of the House and cut an alley through the Body of the Seats.

A road was laid out "from the corner of Eleazar Smith's orchard, by the Widow Cheney's, to the way that leads to the

great road by Dr. Gerauld's." This road was on the east side of Mill Brook from Elm Street to Nelson's mills, and so on northward. It was afterward discontinued.

The population of the town in 1764 is stated at 628.

Among the Baxter papers is one dated 1764, which tells us that a saw-mill was to be built near the house of Joseph Baxter (Noon Hill), "near where one once stood." This is the only intimation of that old mill to be found.



CHAPTER X.

MEDFIELD IN REVOLUTIONARY TIMES.

1765-1783.

THE disposition of England to oppress the colonies was becoming manifest, and several controversies with the crown occurred with regard to what were considered colonial rights. Oppressive restrictions were placed upon commerce and manufactures. Unjust taxation, and the "Writs of Assistance," followed. The enterprise, rapidly increasing population (now nearly two hundred and fifty thousand), and independent spirit of Massachusetts excited particular jealousy; and occasion was sought to humiliate her. Large bodies of troops were kept upon her soil to suppress any attempt at resistance. The first decided acts of opposition followed the passage of the Stamp Act, and the eighteen years which succeeded may be called revolutionary times.

The country towns entered heartily into the struggle for maintaining the rights of the people against the claims of royal prerogative, and Medfield was not behindhand in its sympathy with the popular cause. We discover many indications here of a spirit that would scarcely have been expected of men who hitherto had pursued the quiet ways of a small inland town.

In the annals of these years, we find the record of local affairs frequently varied by the introduction of matters relating to national interests.

The Stamp Act received the royal assent March 22, 1765; and tidings of its passage reached the colonies about June. It was to go into effect November 1, following.

1765. Selectmen, John Baxter, Ezekiel Adams, Simon Harding, Oliver Ellis, and John Smith.

Seth Clark, Representative.

A consideration was proposed to Ephraim Wheelock for the school-house standing on his land, or move it off. Selectmen instructed to settle the line between Wheelock and the town's land near the meeting-house.

A highway was laid out from near Joseph Baxter's to the wood lots on the west side of Noon Hill, the town to be at no expense. This road is still in use, entering the woods near the old saw-mill.

Voted, To Divid the upper Galery in the Senter in the front, and not to cut an alley through the body of the seats.

£12 granted for schools, £16 for the poor, and £2 for incidental expenses.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE.

At a town-meeting held October 21, William Plimpton, Henry Adams, Eliakim Morse, Nathan Plimpton, Moses Bullen, John Smith, Oliver Ellis, Seth Dwight, and Eleazar Wheelock were chosen a committee "to draw up some Instructions for the Representative att the next Sitting of the Generale Court."

The following report was adopted as the instructions from the town to its Representative, and voted "that the same be put on file in the town records as a memorial to ages yet unborn of the present generation's high sense of the importance of our natural and charter liberties, right, and privileges."

Sir,— It is the business of this meeting to Communicate to you our Sentiments at this critical Conjunction of affairs. You are Sensible we

are loyally affected towards his present Majesty and that the Connection which has Subsisted between Great Brittan and the Provinces has been numbed among none of the Least of our advantages.

We have readily Contributed our Part to support the dignity of his Majesty's arms, and to Enlarge his Territories upon this continent, nor could we have suspected an unkind Return; but in no more favorable light can we view some late parliamentary acts, particularly those relating to several Stamp dutys and the Courts of Admiralty. We are of opinion it has by many masterly hands been most clearly elucidated that these acts are a direct Infringement upon our Rights as Inglishmen; such Rights in particular as have been most sacredly secured to us by Charter, and therefore cannot but hope that upon the Remonstrances we suppose are prepared to send Home, that we shall find Redress.

In the mean Time we would recommend It to you, Sir, to join in any further regular and decent methods which may be proposed in order to the obtainment of such Redress, but by no means to Express an acquiescence in, or even a willing submission to the acts.

His Excellency has been pleased to recommend to the Assembly the consideration of the sufferers by the late Riots: we are very ready you should bear the fullest Testimony against such unlawful Proceedings. But as the Law is open in Favor of those sufferers in common with all other his Majesty's good subjects in like cases, we see no Necessity of any other measures, nor would we so far avow the Late Outrages as to answer for the mischiefs of an unknown Rabble; neither are we terrified in prospect of the consequence of Refusing Reparation of the Damages in any other method.

As to other Things we can confide in your wisdom and prudence to observe the strictest Economy in the use of the Purse strings of the people. We are freely willing to render Tribute and custom to whom they are respectively due, but cannot at all approve of the mis-application of any Part of the public Funds, especially at a Time when the Prospect of emerging from the heavy Debt in which we are now involved is put beyond our view.

Honor the King, but save the Country.

The riots referred to occurred in Boston on the 14th of the same month, when Oliver, the stamp officer, was hung in effigy, and his office pulled down.

1766. Selectmen, Simon Plimpton, Noah Allen, Moses Hartshorn, Timothy Cheney, and Moses Bullen.

Samuel Morse, Representative.

Granted £12 to enable the French neutrals to return to Canada.

£12 granted for schools, £10 for the poor.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE.

William Plimpton, Daniel Perry, John Smith, Timothy Hamant, and Thomas Mason were appointed a committee to prepare instructions to the Representative, and their report was accepted December 1. It was as follows :—

We, your Constituents, being assembled, take this opportunity to signify to you our approbation of the Conduct of said Court so far as it hath come to our Knowledge, particularly in the Election of his Majesty's Council and in Keeping an open House; and as you Desire our Instructions whether a Compensation be made by the province to particular persons who have suffered Damage by some Riotous persons the Vileness of whose actions we utterly abhor and Disavow, Sir, we are of opinion that it would tarnish the Glory and Reputation of this province to Charge the Vileness of a few Riotous persons upon the whole province: you are therefore to use your Influence that there be no money Drawn from the Province therefor: we Commiserate the Case of the Sufferers, and shall be ready to Cast in our mite to there Relieve when it is asked for by way of a Contribution or Subscription; and as to erecting a statute in Honor to Mr. Pitt, we are very senceable of his merrit and the worthy Deeds He has Don for the nation, and these provinces in particular. But are of opinion that to Immetate him as a Patriot will be of more Honor to him and to us; especially since there is none that we know of in the province in Honor to his present Majesty.

1767. Selectmen, Samuel Morse, Noah Allen, Moses Hartshorn, Moses Bullen, and Joseph Wheelock.

Samuel Morse, Representative.

Leave given for the roads north of Castle Hill, from John Fisher's to Noah Allen's house, and also to John Cutter's, to be fenced up; suitable gates to be made.

£12 added to Mr. Townsend's salary.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE.

At the town-meeting, November 18, there were articles in the warrant, "To consider and agree upon some effectual measures to promote Industry, Oeconomy, and Manufacturing, thereby to prevent the unnecessary Importation of European Commodities, which threatens the Country with poverty and Ruin; and to give the representative instructions 'for his conduct att this very Critical Conjuncture of our publick

affairs.''" A committee was chosen, which reported December 28 as follows:—

That under a sense of the expedience of a general retrenchment of foreign superfluities and the encouragement of our own manufactoryes we will by all reasonable and prudent measures endeavor to contribute our mite thereto, particularly to discountenance the use of the following articles imported from abroad, namely, loaf sugar, coaches, chairs, and carriages of all sorts, and harness for the same, men's and women's saddles and bridles, all sorts of whips, men's hats, and women's apparel ready made except hose, all sorts of gloves, women's hats, men's and women's shoes, sole leather, decknails, gold and silver and thread lace of all sorts, gold and silver buttons, wrought plate of all sorts, diamonds, stone and past ware, snuff, manufactured tobacco, mustard, clocks and watches, silversmith's and jeweller's ware, broadcloths that cost above ten shillings per yard, muffs and tippets, all sorts of head dress, as caps, flowers, feathers, and turbans, velvet, excepting for hoods, gauze, excepting for mourning, lawns and cambrics that cost above — shillings sterling per yard, malt liquors, cheese, chairs, tables, and all cabinet ware, horn combs, linens that cost above two shillings per yard, silk of all kinds for garments, chintz, patches, and all sorts of chinaware; and it is recommended that the several inhabitants in their various departments and different connections do discountenance in all proper methods the so frequent use of foreign teas and distilled spirits, and to think of and promote some measures for the profitable employment of the poor, and the encouragement of our own manufactoryes, and particularly the saving of linen and cotton rags for the use of the paper manufactoryes.

That the representative do give his suffrage to such votes of assemblies for the encouragement of our own manufactory as may appear to be for the good of the community, and use his influence for obtaining a duty upon spirituous liquors, bohea, green and hyson tea, coffee, and chinaware, and on limes, lemons, and oranges, and most readily contribute his part to the entire abolition of that standing reproach to the nations of Christendom,—the Slave Trade.

A SELF GRATULATORY RETROSPECT.

Among Seth Dwight's papers is found what appears to be a first draft of the above document, in which occurs the following, which was not inserted in the report:—

It is very agreeable to observe the spirit of Industry, Frugality, and good Economy so greatly revived in and warmly recommended by several of the leading towns in our province, and that some in a neighboring colony have been provoked to emulation. The advantage of acting

up to such a spirit may not appear great to the people who have viewed the matter only in theory, but they are such as we can recommend to be very great from long and happy experience. We were incorporated as a town in 1650. Our fathers set out with such a spirit, which they transmitted to their posterity as a valuable treasure; and we, their children, have religiously observed it. From the time of our incorporation there have been but five or six instances of any person among us sued for debt; not one of any person being committed for any action, civil or criminal; not one of any estate being rendered insolvent; nor an instance of any individual among us applying to any other town for relief or assistance, being reduced by fire, sickness, or otherwise; but in these instances we have been ready by love to serve one another.

We have, by the blessing of Providence upon our industry, raised the most of our necessities, and a surplusage of some as an exchange for such as we could not produce among ourselves. We enjoy so much happiness within ourselves in consequence of this economy that we want no other motive to influence us to pursue it; and, from the sweetness we have tasted in it ourselves, we can heartily recommend it to others, and presume to do it even to such places as have been leading in the late resolves. Wherein we have failed in the Economy recommended by our metropolis, we shall endeavor an amendment, and hope for the pleasure and advantage of being stimulated to a conformity by their example as well as advice. Many of the articles enumerated in the votes of other towns are such as we have little or no use for, and indeed but little knowledge of. Such as we cannot completely subsist without we shall endeavor, as we always have, to provide an equivalent for, and resolve still to make this the maxim of our commerce, not to suffer our Import to exceed our Export.

This part of the report was evidently written by some one who did not exactly perceive the relevancy of the occasion; and, though interesting now to read, we quite agree with the good taste which omitted it in the final draft.

1768. Selectmen, Seth Dwight, Seth Clark, Moses Hartshorn, Daniel Perry, and Oliver Ellis.

Eliakim Morse, Representative.

Voted that a committee be chosen to see what they can procure a pall or burying-cloth for, "made among ourselves"; that is, of American manufacture.

POWDER-HOUSE.

"Granted Ten Dolars for the Building of the Powder House." The building was erected on a large rock on

"Powder-house Hill," so called, north of Kingsbury's mill pond.

A letter from the selectmen of Boston to the selectmen of Medfield was received, also a copy of the proceedings of the "Town of Boston" at a town-meeting, September 12. Mr. Seth Clark was chosen to represent the town at a convention to be held at Faneuil Hall September 22. Mr. Clark was instructed not to "advise or act anything unconstitutional or Elegal." This convention was held while Massachusetts was without a Legislature, it having been dissolved by the royal governor, in consequence of refusing to rescind its resolutions concerning the importation of English goods.

The town set apart a day for fasting and prayer on the occasion of the convention.

Voted, That in apprehension of an approaching Rupture with France it be Recommended to the several Inhabitance in Town to Equip them selves forth with arms and ammunition according to law.

1769. Selectmen, Eliakim Morse, Samuel Morse, Thomas Adams, Nathan Clark, and Nathan Ellis.

Moses Bullen, Representative.

Frairy Street from the brook on North Street to its junction with Dale Street was laid out. It originally entered North Street some rods further north than at present.

One of the articles in the March meeting warrant was "to see if the Town will Grant Liberty to the Baptise Society in Medfield to have Occasional Lectures to Continue the Town's pleasure in the School House near the middle of the town, att such times as shall be no hindrance to the schools that are Kept their." Passed in the negative.

£12 voted for schools, £18 for the support of the poor.

MR. TOWNSEND'S RESIGNATION.

Rev. Mr. Townsend wrote an acknowledgment, which was read to the congregation by Mr. Lock who preached for him. October 9, Mr. Townsend presented the following:—

To the brethren of the church of Christ in Medfield: *Beloved,—* Sensible of my unworthiness of being continued in the relation of pastor unto you, I hereby request your dismission of me therefrom.

The church granted the request, which was concurred in by the town October 23.

During Mr. Townsend's pastorate, 61 persons were admitted to the church, 22 owned the covenant, and 334 were baptized.

The church requested the selectmen to provide preaching until there be a town-meeting, at which a committee was chosen and £70 granted by the town to supply the pulpit.

1770. Selectmen, Daniel Perry, Barachias Mason, Moses Hartshorn, Asa Hamant, and Joseph Wheelock.

Moses Bullen, Representative.

Voted, That the Town applaud and agree to and will conform their conduct agreeable to the non-importation agreement Entred into by the Truly Patriotic merchants of Boston so far as it may Relate to themselves.

Voted that horses shall not go at large without fetters. Horse reeves were chosen.

April 19 was appointed as a day of fasting and prayer in order to the calling a minister of the gospel over the church and congregation in Medfield. May 23, the church voted to call Mr. Thomas Prentiss to the pastorate, which was concurred in by the town at a subsequent meeting "by a great majority." He was ordained October 31. The town granted £8 for the expenses of the entertainment.

Voted, That the Constables with sutable assistance shall Guard the Pulpit and Table and the Seven Pews on the North side of the meeting House and the Body of the seats for the Council, the Church and Mr. Prentiss Relation on Ordination day.

Voted, That the Meeting House Doors shall be sett open att Eight of the Clock in the morning.... Desired the Select men to strenthen the meeting house with proper assistance before the Ordination.

ANTI-PEDOBAPTISTS.

One article in the town-meeting warrant was "to see if the town will exempt the Anti-pedobaptists from paying ministerial taxes agreeable to the late law." Voted to exempt Ebenezer Mason, Ezekiel Adams, Joshua Morse,

Simon Plimpton, John Pepalow, John Cutler, Widow Kezia Plimpton, James Morse, James Ellis, Jr., Benjamin Hewes, Nathan Plimpton, and Joseph Plimpton.

1771. Selectmen, Oliver Ellis, Jonathan Allen, Barachias Mason, Adam Peters, and Ephraim Chenery, Jr.

Samuel Morse, Representative.

An article was inserted in the town-meeting warrant "to see whether the Town of Medfield will petition the General Court att their next sitting that the Inhabitance of Said Town may Enjoy the same privillidge that the Inhabitance of the Town of Boston do Enjoy Respecting the settling and maintaining of ministers and Building and Repairing of meeting Houses." Passed in the negative.

Leave was given to the Anti-pedobaptists to meet in the Centre School-house during the town's pleasure, they not interfering with the schools.

1772. Selectmen, Oliver Ellis, Barachias Mason, Jonathan Allen, Adam Peters, and Ephraim Chenery, Jr.

Samuel Morse, Representative.

An article was put in the warrant "to see whether the Town are of the mind to petition the General Court that the Laws of this Province about choosing, ordaining, settling, and supporting ministers, building and repairing meeting houses, etc., may be repealed, so that every one may have freedom and liberty to act for themselves without having a minister, his support, etc., imposed upon them by other persons." The article was dismissed.

Voted, To choose a committee of Five men to Hear the Reasons of those persons that Refuse to pay their ministerial Rate.

FIRST BAPTIST MEETING-HOUSE.

June 19, a piece of land was bought on which to build a Baptist meeting-house. It was probably commenced during the summer or fall. The original building was thirty-one feet square: the entrance was at the westerly end, the pulpit opposite, with galleries on three sides. Under the

galleries were the pews, enclosures some six or eight feet square; and through the centre of the house were the "body seats," or benches. This building still stands on the spot where first erected.

1773. Selectmen, Daniel Perry, John Fisher, Jr., Jonathan Allen, Adam Peters, and Ephraim Chenery, Jr.

Moses Bullen, Representative.

A letter having been received from the town of Boston containing a statement of the rights of the colonies, and of this province in particular, also a list of infringements on those rights, a committee was chosen "to draw up something proper to lay before the town." The town voted "as the clear Sence of this Town that the rights stated as aforesaid are in substance the just rights of the Collonies and of this province; and that the Infringements there Innumerated are Real and heavy Grievances which we have long and Justly complained of, and if continued will totaly Destroy the Liberties of the Province and the continent of America."

Voted, That this Town do acknowledge the vigilance and care which the Town of Boston have discovered of the Rights and Liberties of the province, and Shall be allways Ready to Joyn with the metropoles or any other Towns in any Constitutional measures for recovering, securing, and defending our Invaluable Rights and privilidges both civel and religious.

Voted, That the Representative of this town be and hereby is Instructed to use his best endeavours in the General assembly to have the full Exercise of our Just and Invaluable rights and Liberties Restored, secured, and Established on a Just and constitutional Foundation; also that he use his utmost influence to have a final Period put to that most cruel, Inhuman and unchristian practice the Slave Trade.

Voted, That our Town Clerk be and hereby is directed to transmitt an attested copie of these votes to the Committee of Correspondence att Boston.

The following reply from that committee has been discovered among some old papers :—

Gentlemen: Your clerk has transmitted to us the proceedings of the town of Medfield by which it appears that you are inspired with the same spirit and sentiments which actuate many other towns who have

already met to consult the common safety. All seem to agree as to state of rights and infringements; and our enemies are now convinced that what they have taunting called an expiring faction, complaining of they know not what, is the general voice of a sensible people, justly resenting their intolerable grievances, indignities, and oppressions, who, when once roused, will have it in their power, under God, to do themselves justice.

A lot of land at Centre Meadow was sold, and the proceeds put into the school fund.

Voted that the town "buy a decent Broad Cloath burying Cloath"; also, "to Repair the powder House and fix a wier to preserve the House from Lightning." An old diary states that the powder-house was struck by lightning in 1773.

Near the end of the year, another letter was received from the Committee of Correspondence, to which the town voted the following reply:—

We esteem the free and full enjoyment of the priviledges of Englishmen as the birthright of every American, nor do we know any reason why the distance of three thousand miles from the island of Great Britain should curtail or abridge them, especially when by charter grant they are solemnly ensured to us as though we were born within the realm of England. The right to dispose of their own propriety either by their own persons or by their representatives we hold to be the grand basis of English Liberty. For these reasons we hold it a fundamental principle not tamely to be yielded up to any man or body of men on earth, that the rights of taxation in the British colonies in America is vested solely in the Houses of Assembly of the respective provinces, who are made up of men vested with authority by the free vote and suffrage of the persons on whom the tax is to be laid. It is with grief we behold this fundamental principle, this charter grant, become a matter of dispute and contention.

We have been alarmed with the measures for several years past adopted and pursued by the British administration under various forms evidently repugnant to and subversive of the fundamental principles of our happy Constitution, particularly in laying taxes or imposing duties upon articles of importation for the sole purpose of raising a revenue upon America. We feel with our brethren a fresh alarm upon the commission granted the East India Company to export their teas to America in such quantities as the lords of trade shall think proper, subject to a duty payable here, which carries in it an evident design (couched under plausible and subtle pretences) to enforce and establish

the said revenue act and the unconstitutional measures of the British administration.

We heartily agree with our brethren of the town of Boston in their opinion of the baneful and pernicious tendency of this measure, which was evidently planned to ease the minds of the India Company and prevent their further petitions for the repeal of the act imposing a duty on tea, not for the benefit of the colonies, yea, designed the more artfully to fasten the chains of slavery upon a burdened and distressed people. We highly approve the vigilance, care, and fortitude of our brethren who have so bravely exerted themselves in the great cause of liberty, and are ready to unite our endeavor with theirs as members of the body politic in all constitutional methods to preserve, defend, or recover our just rights. We will never be behind our brethren in the most painful, laborious, or expensive trouble in so just a cause as the preservation and security of the priviledges we inherit as the purchase of our fathers' blood and treasure. United we stand, divided we fall.

In the present matter of uneasiness, we are highly satisfied and pleased with the spirited, patriotic, and disinterested conduct of some of the principal undertakers of teas in the town of Boston and Charlestown, and could heartily wish a similar agreement might be formed and inviolably maintained by all the undertakers of teas throughout the several governments on the continent, and that the consumers as the undertakers of this article would unite as one man to refrain the use of it so long as it is subject to parliamentary duty. This must be allowed on all hands to be a justifiable and at the same time the easiest and safest way of shaking off the burden of oppression and the chain of slavery. To contribute our part to this glorious cause, we do therefore resolve that we will not purchase, or use, or suffer to be used in our families, any tea that we know to be subject to a duty, at least till such time as the minds of our brethren in other towns can be known.

We have no disposition to complain when we are not burdened, nor do we desire to fault the measures of administration when they are not evidently repugnant to the rights of mankind and the liberties of English subjects in particular. We have a firm affection for the illustrious house of Hanover, and heartily wish that his present Majesty might long reign over a free and happy people, and that that dignity of the British crown and sceptre may descend in peace and sit easy on the heads of his royal descendants for ages and generations yet to come. As the highest evidence of this, we must say we cordially acquiesce in Revolution principles, and are determined upon these principles to the utmost of our power to defend and maintain the invaluable liberties to which we are thereby entitled, against all usurpation and encroachment, as we suppose every friend to the present royal family must do, if he will act in consistence with those principles upon which the happy revolution took place.

While we profess ourselves advocates for rational constitutional liberty, we do not mean to patronize Libertinism and licentiousness. We are sensible of the necessity of government for the security of life, liberty, and property, and mean to vindicate and submit to all lawful and constitutional authority. We wish the blessing of law and government, and yet of rational liberty, as extensive as the subjects to enjoy them; and therefore cannot but think it incumbent upon us to bear testimony against that iniquitous practice of enslaving the Africans. It appears at first view greatly absurd for us to plead for liberty and yet patronize the most cruel servitude and bondage. The poor Africans, when taken from all that is dear to them in their native soil, have not the least shadow of liberty remaining. They have nothing that they can claim as their own; their time is entirely devoted to the service of their absolute lords, their bodies are at their disposal to be bartered and sold from man to man as the senseless beasts; their children, if any they have, are born in an estate of abject servitude, than which nothing can be more repugnant to liberty, for which we so universally contend. We wish to maintain constitutional liberty ourselves, and cannot endure the thoughts of its being withheld from the same flesh and blood for no other reason that we can conceive of but because the God of nature has been pleased to tinge their skins with a different color from our own. If we look for liberty ourselves, we conceive we ought not to continue to enslave others, but immediately to set about some effectual method to prevent it in the future. Our earnest wish is that the things which belong to the nation's peace may in no one instance be hid from our eyes. We remain united with our brethren in one common cause.

The committee to prepare this reply was chosen December 14. Two days afterward, the destruction of tea in Boston Harbor occurred.

1774. Selectmen, Daniel Perry, John Fisher, Jr., Robert Hinsdale, Jacob Clark, and Joseph Clark. Enoch Adams was chosen town clerk. He served two years. £10 granted for schools, £25 for the poor.

Moses Bullen was chosen Representative to the General Court at Salem, with the following instructions:—

We, your constituents, require and commend you to act nothing in a legislative capacity as our representative in conjunction with any other council than that appointed by the charter granted by King William and Queen Mary to the inhabitants of Massachusetts Bay, and chosen by the representatives of said inhabitants. Also you are hereby directed not to submit or yield obedience to any acts of the British Parliament,

or ministerial instructions that infringe upon and dispossess us of our natural and charter rights, civil or religious.

Simon Plimpton, Eliakim Morse, Seth Clark, Daniel Perry, and Moses Bullen were chosen a "committee of correspondence" for the town, with reference to the troubles with the British Government. Two or more of this committee were to serve as delegates to the Provincial Congress at Concord in October. At this period, town-meetings were held by adjournments from week to week.

The town voted to double its stock of ammunition, and granted £17 for the purpose.

November 21, the town passed a vote of compliance with the agreement and resolves adopted by the Continental Congress which met at Philadelphia in October, also voted that the resolutions be entered on the Medfield records. Enoch Adams, town clerk, recorded, in neat and legible style, the fourteen resolutions in full, with the names of the men who composed that remarkable Congress. One hundred and fifty-three Medfield men signed their names as personally complying with and indorsing the resolutions. The list embraces, with scarcely an exception, the entire voting population : there were evidently no Tories in this town.

The eleventh resolve called for the appointment by every town of a committee to observe the conduct of persons toward the measures of Congress, and to publish the names of all such as were found hostile to the interests of American liberty. The committee for Medfield consisted of seven,—Samuel Morse, Joseph Clark, Joseph Morse, Enoch Adams, Nathan Harding, Benjamin Boyden, and Sabin Mann.

Voted, That it is the mind of this Town that the conduct of the Late Province Treasurer, Harrison Gray, Esq., hath been such that it is not Expedient for the Assessors and Constables of this town to conform to his warrants, and that the Town will Indemnify them for all cost and Damages that may arise to them from there non-compliance to his said warrants.

MINUTE-MEN.

At a town-meeting, December 26,—

Voted, That the present exigency of the times are such that we think it expedient forth with to adhear to the Resolve of Provincial Congress held at Cambridge Oct. 26, 1774, (viz.) that $\frac{1}{4}$ Part of the militia be Inlisted and held att the shortest notice to march in Defence of the Province. We think that one shilling and sixpence is sufficient Reward per day or ninepence per half day for the months of March, April, and May, they not exceeding three half days' Duty in a week,—the time when and how they shall be Intitled to their Pay as follows; (viz.) that they Enter the service the first of March (if the Inclemency of the weather doth not prevent) and continue therein untill the Last of May, when if necessary further Incouragement shall be granted to them adequate to their service, Provided (and not otherwise) that the men be Incorporated into a Company (or half Company) and equipt agreeable to the Resolve and Recommendation of Provincial Congress at Cambridge. And that every man so Inlisted directly pass a review before a Committee chosen by the town for that purpose, in whose power it shall be to say whether the men be able and Equipt agreeable to the above Congress, and that the Committee aforesaid together with the Commanding officer of the Company shall make out and Transmitt a true list of each man's Name so Inlisted and Excepted to the selectmen of the Town, and that the first Officer of the Company shall by giving from under his hand, or on oath to the selectmen, a particular account of each man's service Obtain from them an order on this town to Draw each man's wages once every three months after the Date of the Company's Incorporation, so long as they continue to do Duty within the Town upon proper Encouragement as above (Except they be Recompenced from the Province).

Voted, That the number of minute-men should not exceed twenty-five.

£33 15s. granted for their "encouragement."

AID FOR BOSTON.

While the citizens of Boston were suffering from the operation of the Port Bill, many towns in this and other States sent contributions of money and supplies. The contribution from Medfield was 132 lbs. of pork, 402 lbs. of cheese, and 22 cartloads of wood.

1775. Selectmen, Moses Bullen, Noah Allen, Robert Hinsdale, Jacob Clark, and Samuel Ellis, Jr.

The selectmen were directed to collect the military imple-

ments belonging to the town or company and return them to Colonel Ephraim Wheelock.

THE LEXINGTON ALARM.

The rolls at the State House show that the company of minute-men marched from Medfield April 19, and were in service twelve days. The following is the roll :—

Captain Sabin Mann.	Sergeant James Tisdale.
Sergeant Joseph Morse.	Corporal Phillips Blake.
“ John Baxter.	“ Benjamin Boyden.
Drummer Job Wight.	
Francis Cole.	Joseph Perry.
Silas Plimpton.	Eleazer Ellis, Jr.
David Plimpton.	Silas Allen.
Abner Mason.	Asa Cheney.
David Clark.	Holland Wood.
Eliphalet Fisher.	Moses Hewes.
Joseph Plimpton.	John Fuller.
Silas Bullard.	Rufus Mann.
Ezekiel Plimpton.	John Foley.
John Fisher, 3d.	Jesse Pratt.
John Gridley.	

Besides these, Captain Ephraim Cheney's company, fifty-four officers and men, started for the scene of action. They doubtless soon returned, as the records do not show that they were any time in service. In all, eighty-two men marched from this town on that occasion.

Daniel Perry was chosen delegate to the Provincial Congress to be held at the meeting-house in Watertown, May 31.

When the Bunker Hill alarm came, Captain Cheney started with his company: he did not arrive, however, in time to take part in the battle, but with his men served awhile in the siege of Boston. December 10, he was commissioned as captain in a company raised as a re-enforcement to the American army.

One soldier at least from Medfield, James Tisdale, was among those sent by General Washington against Quebec by way of the Kennebec River and the wilderness of Maine and Canada. Tisdale had the rank of captain, was severely

wounded in the attack on Quebec, and taken prisoner by the British. He was kindly treated, however, and came home on parole, where he remained nearly a year before he was exchanged. He rejoined the Continental Army at Saratoga.

1776. Selectmen, John Baxter, Simon Plimpton, Samuel Morse, John Fisher, and Joseph Clark. John Baxter, Jr., was chosen town clerk. He served at different times fourteen years.

Voted, That such officers and soldiers as were in the Continental Army on the first of last September be exempt from poll and highway taxes.

Spades, shovels, pickaxes, narrow axes, and a drum and fife were purchased for the use of the town.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVES.

Daniel Perry was Representative to the General Court at Watertown, and the following instructions were given him :—

Mr. Daniel Perry: The town placing confidence in your skill and veracity have chosen you to represent them at the Great and General Court the ensuing year, and advise you to use your influence in regard to the several particulars following :—

1. Whereas the King, Lords, and Commons of Great Britain in Parliament assembled have declared their right to bind us in all cases whatsoever, and their procedure with the colonies being agreeable to said declaration so that we cannot have any dependence as heretofore on them, we therefore, if the Congress declare the colonies independent of Great Britain, will support said declaration with our lives and fortunes.

2. That a repeal may be made of the paragraph mentioned in the Test act and covenant relating to the laws that may hereafter be made for the regulation of the militia thereof, and that there may be an appeal admitted for offenders provided in said law as in other cases.

3. That the laws of this colony made and provided for the settling and supporting ministers and building meeting-houses may be repealed, so that the gospel may be the only rule submitted to in the above cases.

4. That no African or other person be held in slavery during life.

5. That every town pay its own representatives to the General Court.

6. That every prudent measure may be taken to keep up and support public faith, as expressed in our paper currency.

SMALL-POX HOSPITAL.

At a meeting in June, the town "Granted Liberty for a Number of Persons to Innoculate For the Small Pox, Provided said Persons att their One expence do provide a suitable House Remote from traveling or Other dwelling houses as the Law in such cases Directs." A committee was chosen "to inspect such houses and persons where they think the small-pox to be"; also, to prepare regulations for the inoculating hospital. The following were adopted:—

1. Every person who may receive the infection of the small-pox by inoculation shall repair to the hospital as soon as the physician attending him shall judge it expedient for the safety of all such as may be liable to receive it.
2. No person who may have the distemper shall leave the hospital until he or she has first obtained a certificate in writing from the attending physician, setting forth that such person is so cleansed and freed from infection as not to endanger others who have not had the distemper.
3. That the town choose a committee, consisting of persons who have had the small-pox, who shall have the inspection of the hospital, and see from time to time that proper care is taken by physicians and nurses of the subjects of the distemper; and that, if they find any neglect or mal-conduct, that they report the same to the selectmen of the town, who shall take such measures thereupon as in their discretion they may see meet, and also to see to it that due care is taken by the physicians or nurses who may attend said hospital that they on their part expose no person to the infection in their passing and repassing from said hospital.

Lastly, that the selectmen for the time being be directed to procure such further measures for the benefit of said hospital and the common safety, under direction of the law as to them from time to time may seem expedient.

The committee of inspection consisted of Francis Cole, Sabin Mann, and John Thebault.

The General Court having ordered a quota of men from Medfield for the Continental Army, the town offered a bounty of £6 6s. 8d. in addition to that offered by the General Court. The number of men was twenty-six: each man was to provide his arms and accoutrements. Voted to borrow £150 to pay the bounties.

Voted "to give the last grant to pay the men listed to Goe to Cannady"; also, £6, "the money that the Great Gun was sold for," toward paying the bounties of the Canada soldiers. The unfortunate expedition against Quebec under Montgomery and Arnold is here referred to.

£3 granted for schools. During the war, very little was raised for schools, aside from the income of the school fund.

Voted, That the Town are of the mind that the present House of Assembly with the Council of this State Consult and agree upon such a Constitution and form of Sivil Government and that only for the safety and good of the State, and when they have so Don Lay the same Before Each town in this State for their Inspection and Perusal that their minds may be known whether they approve or Dissallow of the whole or any part of it.

FORMATION OF A BAPTIST CHURCH.

August 18, a Baptist church was formed with the following members: —

Ebenezer Mason.	Abigail Morse.	Bathsheba Morse.
Dorothy Mason.	Susannah Reed.	Kezia Morse.
Asa Mason.	Benjamin Boyden.	Mary Edwards.
Beriah Mason.	Elizabeth Baker.	Lydia Lovell.
Hannah Mason.	Edward Coffoa.	Mary Harding.
Priscilla Mason.	Kezia Plimpton.	Abner Bullard.
Ezekiel Adams.	Mary Ellis.	John Bassett.
James Morse.	Kezia Cutler.	Grace (a slave).
Maria Morse.	Olive Cheney.	
John Thebault.	Taphath Chenery.	

Rev. Thomas Gair was settled as pastor.

The population of Medfield in 1776, as shown by the Colonial Census, was 775.

1777. Selectmen, Robert Hinsdell, Asa Hamant, Asa Clark, Joseph Morse, and Jonathan Wight, 3d.

Daniel Perry, Representative.

Eleazar Wheelock was chosen town clerk. He served four years.

A statement was made to the town in January of what

had been done thus far in sustaining the war. The following soldiers had been furnished:—

14 men 8 mos. at Roxbury.	24 men 4 mos. at Ticonderoga.
17 " 2 " "	4 " 4 " Dorchester.
20 " 2 " "	3 " 2 " York.
8 " 12 " York.	

A bounty of £29 was paid by the town to one William Ankles, of Boston, who was certified as having "passed muster, and being entitled to pass for any town that will pay the bounty."

The total expense of the war to this time had been £526. Voted that the cost of the war be levied on polls and estates. 40s. a month was granted to every man enlisting into the Continental Army after the first year of his enlistment.

Voted, To Prohibit the meetinghouse bell being rung or tolled at any time without Liberty from the Saxon or one or more of the Selectmen on Penalty of Five shillings.

£555 granted to hire soldiers to fill up the Continental Army.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE.

1. That he be instructed not to give his vote for a constitution of government at present, on account of the great number of our friends and brethren being absent in the army that have an undoubted right and ability to act therein; also on account of other things that the minds of people are much engaged.

2. That the laws of the State of Massachusetts Bay, made and provided for the settling and supporting ministers, building and repairing meeting-houses, may be repealed, so that the Gospel may be the only rule submitted to in the above cases.

3. That no African or other person be held in Slavery for the future.

4. That every town pay their own representatives for attendance in the Great and General Court.

5. That every prudent measure may be taken to support faith as expressed in our paper currency, and by no means to suffer any emissions of money on a loan. As also that our present currency be not redeemed by loan certificates, but by the continual [?] currency.

Voted, To put a stop to Innoculation of the small-pox in this town for the future.

Selectmen were directed to have the house owned by Joseph and John Baxter, which had been used as a hospital, immediately cleansed from the infection. This house appears to have been that near the old saw-mill at Noon Hill; the physician in charge, Dr. Aaron Wight.

September 30, Captain Ezekiel Plimpton's company, sixty-six officers and men, marched on the secret expedition to Rhode Island. October 4, the head-quarters were at Little Compton. October 28, they were discharged from further service.

NEWSPAPERS IN WAR TIME.

The following copy of an old paper shows the arrangements made for obtaining the news:—

MEDFIELD, Sept. 15, 1777.

We whose names are hereunto subscribed do indent and engage to enter our names for the Newes Papers printed at Boston, and to go down for them weekly in our turns, and convey them to some convenient place in this town where we shall agree.

Joseph Morse.	Ephraim Chenery.	Jabez Fuller.
Eliakim Morse.	James Gerauld.	Daniel Perry.
John Fisher, Jr.	Adam Peters.	Moses Wight.
Silas Allen.	Eleazar Wheelock.	Jona. Plimpton.
Joseph Plimpton.	Thomas Prentiss.	Philip Blake.
Henry Harding.	Seth Smith.	Joshua Seaver.
Nathan Partridge.	Seth Clark.	Fisher Allen.
Joseph Boyden.		

1778. Selectmen, Adam Peters, Asa Clark, Joseph Morse, Ephraim Wheelock, and Henry Harding.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE.

Whereas the Continental Congress has adopted certain articles of confederation and perpetual union, and proposed them to the several States for consideration, in order that, if they be approved, they may become conclusive; and *whereas* the Assembly of this State has thought fit to consult their constituents in a matter of so much importance,—we, therefore, the inhabitants of the town of Medfield, in legal town-meeting assembled, after taking the matter into our most serious and dispassionate consideration, cannot but admit the thirteen articles of confederation to be a plan wisely adapted to the securing of the freedom of America, with this small addition to the eighth article, viz.: that the common

treasury be supplied by the several States in proportion to the number of Polls and all personal estates as well as all lands and buildings within each State; which addition we think ought to be inserted, provided we as a people had a disposition or abilities to yield that inviolable obedience required in the thirteenth article; but, if we may be allowed freedom of speech, we, in faithfulness to our selves, to you, and to our rulers at large, confess the decay of virtue and the want of a disposition and ability to comply. Therefore, where is the propriety in pledging faith, or the safety in conforming to and ratifying the articles of confederation?

It may be asked wherein we are indisposed or unable to comply with the articles aforesaid? . . .

Witness the Continental battalions: how short are they of the quota; or the State regiments for the defence of a sister colony; or with what difficulty do we maintain and man our lines within our own State by draft from the militia. In any of these doth there appear a disposition to comply with either State or Congress? . . .

It may be said we generally procure our quota of men when called for. We admit a part of the number is (raised), but seldom all; and rarely ever by the time fixed. But how are they raised? As volunteers, or (if we may be allowed the term) as venal troops for the sake of an extra extravagant bounty. Witness the continental men who received £30 to £60, or even £100 bounty; or even for a three months' campaign, an extra bounty must be given from £10 to £20 or £30. Is here any proper disposition to maintain independency or compliance with the confederation proposed? or, rather, when we add the vast and unavoidable expense the State is at for paying and maintaining the army, to the extra bounties given to men to take up arms, can any one suppose the ability of the State sufficient therefor? . . . On these considerations, we desire to be cautious where we pledge our faith, as you, in this case, must look to us for direction in the beginning, and protection in the end. Doth it not immediately become us to recollect our former covenants and pledges of faith to each other, and see to the fulfilment thereof? Though late in the day, let us one and all rise to justice, and yet once more determine to be free at the risk of life and fortune. Let extortion and avarice be expelled, virtue and benevolence introduced; which, if we do not, we are constrained to think the army must quit the field, and disunion spread its baneful tenets through the State. Therefore, to do justice to our army, and to that part of our brethren whose estates lie in bills of credit, and to the poor, and to the people at large who are daily suffering by the violent extortions of the times, and the unwarrantable fivefold depreciation of our currency and debasement of public faith, we, your constituents, therefore seriously recommend to your consideration the introduction to the resolve of Congress Nov. 22, 1777, together with the resolves at large that are there earnestly recommended.

We, therefore, reposing special trust in your loyalty and good conduct, do instruct you to use your best influence that said resolve be complied with, excepting the loaning any more bills of credit; also in the following particulars:—

1. That the third resolve be inviolably observed, to the effect that your laws be praise and support to those who do well, and a terror to all on the contra.

2. Respecting the fifth resolve, which gives us pleasure to hear that your delegates are now setting on so important a matter, we therefore instruct you that on a careful consideration of the report of your delegates, to use your influence that suitable laws be enacted as in said resolve recommended, remembering to consult your constituents before you finally ratify and confirm the method of establishing prices or fixing the time when a regulation shall take place. We leave to the Assembly whether to begin at once and fix a standard, or to sink the present extortions gradually as it rose.

3. We instruct you to use your best endeavors that the sixth resolve be complied with without loss of time.

4. As the plan above mentioned is immediately or as soon as may be to take place, and the prices of commodities lessened, while the public debt remains to be paid, therefore to introduce economy into the public expense agreeable to the sixth resolve, we instruct you to use your best endeavor for the immediate putting the late loan certificates into circulation, the interest to cease, and they to be received in all payments and at the treasury until the expiration of the time fixed in the certificate; and, in case there should be more than sufficiency of continental bills of credit and State certificates for a circulating medium, reduce it by tax, etc.

To conclude, we think it imprudent to ratify the confederation, unless we comply with the before-mentioned recommendations and resolves; for, without the latter, we are utterly unable to comply with the former, and, as we regard the good of our country, we earnestly wish to see each town in the State preparing the way for a public and private reformation and return from vice to virtue, or bid farewell to independency.

Granted £14 "to pay the selectmen of 1776, that procured Camp Equipage for our soldiers on their march to York." Granted £111 15s. 4d. for procuring shirts, stockings, and shoes for the Continental soldiers.

Voted that "the town will grant money for to Carry on the War for the future on Polls and Estates." Twenty-one voters entered a protest against this action as being illegal.

Voted to sell the wood that had been cut on the burying-place, the proceeds, £15, to go into the school fund. The

selectmen were instructed to make three axes for the three school-houses out of the town's steel.

Granted £30 for the purchase of steel, lead, flints, and gunlocks.

The new State Constitution was submitted to the towns for ratification or rejection. The vote of this town stood twenty-seven in favor and thirty-three opposed. This was in accordance with the expressed will of the State, which rejected the Constitution of 1778.

1779. Selectmen, Silvanus Plimpton, Oliver Ellis, Daniel Perry, Ephraim Chenery, and James Gerauld. The question of calling a convention to frame a State Constitution was submitted to the towns: the vote here was nineteen in favor and twenty opposed. The State generally having decided in favor, a convention was called to sit at Cambridge September 1. Dr. James Gerauld was chosen a delegate to that convention.

A committee was chosen to take care of the families of soldiers serving in the Continental Army.

The town accepted the report of the committee which had been chosen to fix the prices of the necessaries of life and other articles. Voted that attested copies of the report be posted up at the public houses in town.

REVOLUTIONARY ARMY RATIONS.

One and one-half pounds of Beef or eighteen oz. of pork per man per day. One pound of bread or flour per man per day. Three pints of peas per man per week at 6s. per bushel. One quart of Beer per man per day at one dollar per barrell. Three Pints Indian meal per man per week at 2s. 8d. per bushel. Eight pounds of soap per one hundred men per week at 4d. per pound. Six pounds of candles per one hundred men per week at 5d. per pound. Six ounces of butter per man per week at 8d. per pound. One gill or half a gill of rum when on fatigue or extra duty.

1780. Selectmen, Silvanus Plimpton, Oliver Ellis, Daniel Perry, Adam Peters, and James Gerauld.

A TIME OF HIGH PRICES.

Fabulous sums were voted for all purposes at this period, owing to the depreciation of the currency. \$5 was the bounty offered for crows, and Indian corn was rated at \$50 a bushel.

The selectmen were directed to purchase materials for clothing the town's quota of men in the Continental Army.

July 27, Captain Adam Peters and fifty-one men marched on the occasion of the Rhode Island alarm.

Three men were hired for six months, thirteen men for three months, and three horses purchased, for the Continental Army. The town's quota of beef for that army was also furnished.

The new State Constitution having been submitted to the towns, Medfield objected, fifty-eight to one, to the third article in the Bill of Rights. A committee was chosen to give the reasons and propose amendments. The Constitution being, however, adopted by a large majority of the voters of the State, that committee probably did not report.

The third article was essentially changed by the amendment of 1833, which shows that the Medfield men of 1780 were only about fifty years in advance of the times in which they lived.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE.

Sir,— You being appointed to represent the town of Medfield in the General Court, to be holden at Boston on the last Wednesday of this month (October), agreeable to the new Constitution, we therefore, having an inalienable right to direct and instruct you from time to time as we shall find occasion, which instruction you are closely to observe, and use your best endeavors to accomplish what we wish for and instruct you in a constitutional manner; relying, therefore, on your best exertions for the liberties and properties of the commonwealth, as also the pureness of legislative authority which is absolutely essential both to liberty and property, we instruct you in the following particulars:—

1. Respecting taxation, we mean not to desert the cause, rebel, or revolt, nor even to faint under heavy burdens and taxes, but are cheerful and willing to pay to the utmost of our abilities, as we know it is absolutely necessary; but any more, as we regard the good of mankind, in sound policy we must protest against, seeing the consequences are

inevitably dangerous and disagreeable: namely, a revolution, or a valuable part of the inhabitants at once crushed and dispossessed of property. Our earnest wish is that authority may not take us by the throat, but forbear, and we will pay to the utmost. We therefore instruct you to use your best endeavors to prevent authority over taxing in future; and, for these taxes which are ordered by the late Assembly, we direct you, if possible, to prevent the executions going forth until some future day, and that you in your legislative capacity exert yourself to the utmost to devise some salutary method to maintain the army in part otherwise than by taxation, as authority in their wisdom shall or may think fit. We further direct you to endeavor, as soon as may be, to have the public funds of this State liquidated; and, to conclude this matter of taxation, we instruct you to use your influence to prevent the new Court from ever assessing this town any more until we shall have had release and allowance for what we have already paid over and above our just proportion.

2. Whereas, authority has not been heretofore able to raise money, men, or supplies, sufficient for the field and magazines, we instruct you to use your utmost efforts to regain public faith, to the end that authority may become respectable, and be able at all times to furnish the field with men and the magazines with all sorts of supplies without the least derogation from legislative honor and authority as may be justly expected in a free State.

3. Whereas the inhabitants of this town did unanimously reject the third article of the Bill of Rights, we therefore instruct you not to act anything thereon.

Lastly, and to conclude our instructions at this time, we enjoin it upon you as you regard your own honor and interest, and the honor and interest of your country, to remember, as you are a representative of a people who wish to be free, "That there is no safety where there is no strength, no strength without a union, no union without justice, no justice where faith and truth in accomplishing public engagements are wanting." Therefore, we flatter ourselves that, could we be possessed of the above union, faith, and truth, we should be both safe and strong; and, by the assistance of Him who judges the councils of the just, we should be able to maintain our cause, and return from the field of war in peace. Therefore, as we wish to be free from slavery and tyranny, we have given you the above instructions, which you are not to fail of exercising your best ability to accomplish.

DIVISION OF THE COUNTY.

A convention was called with reference to a division of the county. Recommended that the towns of Medfield, Medway, Wrentham, Franklin, Bellingham, Foxboro, Stough-

ton, Stoughtonham, Dedham, Milton, Needham, Walpole, Natick, Sherborn, Holliston, and Hopkinton be formed into a new county, with Medfield as the shire town.

1781. Selectmen, Barachias Mason, Sabin Mann, Nathan Adams, James Morse, and Elijah Adams.

Oliver Ellis, Representative.

Jonathan Metcalf was chosen town clerk. He served four years.

The town resources were examined; and it was found that the treasurer had £199 15s. in counterfeit or dead money; £9,816 old Continental money; £3,497 in notes; and \$160 new emission, equal to £1,920 old money. A large amount was due from the collectors; and it was voted to receive the paper money taxes in new currency, at the rate of forty for one.

Medfield's quota of men for the Continental Army this year was eleven.

The following copy of an ancient paper shows how the first attempt to raise them was made:—

Agreeable to a Resolve of the Commonwealth, June 16, 1781, Both the Train band and alarm List ware assembled for the purpose of Compleating the Town's Quota of the Continental Army for three years. Many experiments ware Tryed for to enlist them, but all faild. At length the Dusk of the evening came on, and I found my selfe under the disagreble Nessesety of makeing a Draght, upon which the following Person ware Draughted (viz.), Jonathan Allen, Jacob Clark, Asa Hamant, Jonathan Wight, Jr., Francis Hamant, Elihu Chenery, Gershom Adams, John Fisher, Jr., Dyer Lovell, and Eleazar Ellis.

The officer, whose name is not given, goes on to say that they "payd no Regard to my warning."

The town finally voted to raise eleven men to serve three years in the Continental Army, and to pay them £24 a year in gold or silver, the town to have all subsequent bounties granted to the men.

£166 10s., "hard money," granted to furnish the town's quota of beef, and £54 to furnish the quota of clothing for the Continental Army.

£5 a month granted to those soldiers who would enlist for three months.

The selectmen were instructed "to inform the Superintendent that the town has a prospect of procuring their full quota of men for the Continental Army."

Seth Smith and Benjamin Callender were licensed to sell "the Article of Tea," according to the statute.

1782. Selectmen, Eleazar Wheelock, Robert Hinsdale, Joseph Morse, Amos Plimpton, and Edward Cleaveland.

Oliver Ellis, Representative.

The collection of taxes was this year sold to the lowest bidder. Eleazar Ellis was collector.

£15 granted for the schools. The selectmen were instructed to sell one hundred and eighty-two pounds of lead in the town's possession.

A charitable collection was taken up in the two churches, as shown by the following receipt:—

Received from Medfield for the suffering inhabitants of South Carolina,

By Rev. Thomas Prentiss, £3 13*s.* 5*d.*

By Rev. Thomas Gair, Baptist, £1 10*s.*

A LYCEUM.

During this year, social meetings were held at the house of Mr. Wheelock, led by Mr. Prentiss and Mr. Gair. They were devoted to the discussion of certain subjects, among which were "Slavery" and "Newton on the Prophecies."

Several members contributed firewood, candles, etc. Phillips Blake was clerk of the Association.

1783. Selectmen, Daniel Perry, Oliver Ellis, John Baxter, Simeon Cutler, and Nathan Harding.

John Baxter, Jr., Representative.

A great amount of business was transacted this year in settling up the accounts of the war. Seth Smith, collector, had received a counterfeit eight-dollar bill: the value was remitted to him by the town.

At this date, it was stated as a remarkable fact that there were living in town fifteen families that had to buy their firewood. In earlier times, every man had his wood lot; but, during the war, several families resided here that had been obliged to leave their own homes, in places occupied by the enemy. These did not remain long, however, after the close of the war.

EVIDENCES OF PATRIOTIC SPIRIT.

It cannot be denied that the town manifested a spirit of genuine patriotism. When the first burst of enthusiasm was over, and the difficulties and discouragements incident to a prolonged struggle came to be understood, the people of Medfield responded to the calls for men and money in a manner which proved their sturdy devotion to the cause of liberty. The cost to them in labor, self-denial, and personal suffering, should never be forgotten by their grateful posterity.

From first to last, one hundred and fifty-four men from this town are known to have been in service during the War of the Revolution. The following forty-two were in the Continental Army:—

Col. Ephraim Wheelock.	Jabez Clark.	David Onion.
Capt. Sabin Mann.	Zimri Cleaveland.	Joseph Plimpton.
James Arculas.	Samuel Cole.	Ezekiel Plimpton.
Nathan Allen.	Joseph Cole.	Ephraim Smith.
Matthias Armsby.	John Fuller.	Lebbeus Smith.
John Baxter, Jr.	Jabez Fuller.	Eli Smith.
Jabez Boyden.	Warrick Green.	Peter Smith.
Jonathan Breck.	Newport Green.	Jonathan Townsend.
Nathan Bullard.	Benjamin Hewes.	James Tisdale.
Oliver Chickering.	John Gridley.	Lemuel Thompson.
Phillips Clark.	Ebenezer Lyon.	Thomas Trott.
Simeon Clark.	Nathan Marsh.	Peter Warren.
Nathan Clark.	John Morse.	Spencer Wood.
Rufus Clark.	Joseph Morse.	Holland Wood.

Ephraim Smith was one of Major André's guard while he was awaiting trial and execution. He often described André's noble bearing, and told how, when he was confined

in a small house, the Continental soldiers keeping guard on the outside, he paced the room, anxiously looking out of the windows in this direction and in that, until his swift, sharp fate ended the scene.

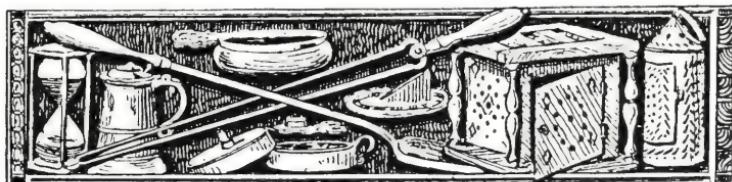
Those next succeeding are found on the rolls as having taken arms in various campaigns, for a longer or shorter time, during the war:—

Capt. Adam Peters.	Sergt. Eleazar Ellis.
“ Ephraim Chenery.	“ Seth Smith.
Lieut. Joseph Clark.	“ Edward Cleaveland.
“ Daniel Perry.	Corp. Uriah Morse.
“ Silas Bullard.	“ Benjamin Boyden.
“ Silas Plimpton.	“ Henry Harding.
Sergt. Amos Plimpton.	“ Amos Mason.
“ Asa Clark.	“ Joseph Boyden.
“ Samuel Ellis.	“ Phillips Blake.
“ Jesse Ellis.	“ Nathan Harding.
“ Jacob Clark.	“ John Bullard.
“ Billings Tisdale.	“ William Clark.
“ Moses Wight.	
Gershom Adams.	Asa Cheney.
Nathan Adams.	Timothy Cheney.
Shem Armsby.	David Clark.
Asa Albee.	Benjamin Clark.
James Allen.	Ebenezer Clark.
Enoch Allen.	Samuel Clark.
Jonathan Allen.	Elias Clark.
Silas Allen.	Pitts Clark.
Oliver Allen.	Simeon Chenery.
Elijah Allen.	Elihu Chenery.
Amos Allen.	Peter Cooleedge.
Eliakim Allen.	Francis Cole.
Abel Baker.	Gershom Dunton.
Joseph Baxter.	Nathan Ellis.
Timothy Battle.	George Ellis.
Abner Bullard.	Eliphilet Fisher.
Bela Bullen.	John Fisher.
Ichabod Bullen.	John Foley.
Simeon Cutler.	Francis Hamant.
Simon Cheney.	Charles Hamant.
Levi Cheney.	Asa Hamant.
Joseph Cheney.	Abraham Harding.
	Moses Hartshorn.
	Obed Hartshorn.
	Zephaniah Hewes.
	Moses Hewes.
	Joshua Hewes.
	Moses Lovell.
	Nathaniel Lovell.
	Dyer Lovell.
	Rufus Mann.
	Abner Mason.
	Silas Mason.
	John Mason.
	Thaddeus Morse.
	Samuel Morse, Jr.
	Jeremiah Morse.
	William Morse.
	Josiah Morse.
	James Morse.
	Eliakim Morse.
	Nathan Partridge.
	Joseph Perry.
	Moses Peters.

Adam Peters.	Samuel Smith.	Calvin Turner.
Jesse Pratt.	Timothy Smith.	Samuel Turner.
David Plimpton.	Titus Smith.	Jacob Turner.
Henry Plimpton.	Eleazar Smith.	Job Wight.
Jonathan Plimpton.	Jonathan Smith.	Asa Wight.
Elzaphan Plimpton.	John Thompson.	Jonathan Wight.
George Smith.	Nathan Turner.	Henry Wight.
Ezra Smith.		

The States of Massachusetts and Connecticut during the war sent one soldier for every *seven* of population, which was a larger proportion than that of any other State. From the above list, it may be seen that the town of Medfield sent one soldier for every *five* of population. A considerable number, however, saw but a brief period of service.

CHAPTER XI.



CLOSING ANNALS OF THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

1784. Selectmen, James Gerauld, Nathan Adams, Jonathan Metcalf, Eleazar Ellis, and Ebenezer Clark.

Daniel Perry, Representative.

Voted, To Rebuild the Great Bridge over Charles River with stone pillars provided that the town of Medway will join.

Whether the stone "pillars" were built does not appear; but liberty was granted to cut timber for the bridge on the town's land, and £20 was granted for the work.

A committee was appointed to "build four pews where the hinder part of the Body of seats now stands, and cut an alley to the pulpit through the Body of seats."

The "District of Dover" was incorporated on our northern border: it had previously been called the "Springfield district," or fourth parish of Dedham.

The following items are from the valuation of 1784: Cows, £4 per head; two-year-old cattle, £2 8s.; yearlings, £1 10s.; oxen, £13 10s. a yoke; sheep, 9s.; lambs, 7s.; calves, £1 4s.; swine one year old, £1 16s.; rye, per bush., 4s.; Indian corn and barley, 3s. 6d.; oats, 1s. 6d.; hemp and flax, 9d. per pound; cider, 8s. per barrel; English hay, £2 per ton; meadow hay, £1.

There were in the town, at this period, one hundred and twenty-one horses, one hundred and thirty-three oxen, one

hundred and sixty-eight steers, four hundred and thirty-four cows, seven hundred and sixty-one sheep, and one hundred and forty swine. Number of polls, one hundred and eighty-four.

1785. Selectmen, James Gerauld, Jonathan Metcalf, Nathan Adams, Eleazar Ellis, and Ebenezer Clark.

Daniel Perry, Representative.

A FISH-WAY DESIRED.

A committee was chosen "to view Charles River at the Falls in Newton in Regard to the Passing of the Several Kinds of fish." Delegates were appointed to a convention, "to consult on what measures to come into in Regard to Digging a Chanel opposite the Uper falls in Charles River between Needham and Newton for the Various kinds of Salt water fish that annually Run up Charles River." There is no further record of the matter, except that Mr. Bigsby, who owned the land there, demanded £18 for the privilege of digging the channel.

Voted that "the Buring Ground be fenced with a Good Rail fence all Round sd Ground," and that the committee "make and Hang a Good Gate to pass into sd ground."

Dedham desired this town to assist in building "Vine Rock Bridge." Medfield refused, and arranged to defend itself from any suits brought against it.

1786. Selectmen, Eleazar Wheelock, Amos Plimpton, Asa Boyden, David Clark, and Nahum Wight.

VAGRANTS AND THIEVES.

A committee was chosen to consider whether a new law in regard to vagrants and thieves was desirable. They submitted the following report, which was accepted:—

We have carefully examined the several laws that are now in force so far as we are capable and are of the opinion that the laws relating to vagrant persons are sufficient if put in execution, and that the laws Concerning thieves are well adapted for their punishment when duly convicted: but find no provision in said law for the encouragement of

persons to take up and secure them. We conceive it would be of public utility that a law should be made granting a bounty or reward to any person or persons that shall take up and secure any thief or thieves so as he or she may be convicted and upon their conviction to be entitled to the bounty or reward, and that the money be paid out of the public treasury of this commonwealth. Also we report it as our opinion that this town petition the General Assembly of this commonwealth to enact a law granting a bounty as aforesaid.

A committee was chosen to prepare a petition, which was as follows :—

Whereas, since the disbanding of the American army the number of thieves are greatly multiplied and frequent insults of theft are committed in one part and another of which this town has suffered much in many instances of late,— We conceive it would have a good tendency to prevent thieves from escaping with impunity, and would be of public utility if there was proper encouragement made by law for people to exert themselves when there is any theft committed in any parts of this Commonwealth to take up and secure any thief or thieves so as they may be convicted and receive the punishment due for their crimes. Your petitioners pray that this Hon. Court would enact a law granting a premium to any person or persons that shall take up and secure any thief or thieves and upon their conviction to be entitled to the premium and the money to be paid by the criminal if able, and, if not, out of the public treasury of this Commonwealth. Also that the complainant be entitled by law to adequate pay for his expenses, time, and trouble in his attending any court or courts in the prosecution against the offender, provided the same be convicted: or act anything as you in your wisdom shall think proper.

This year, Silas Mason, Nathan Harding, and John Fisher, Jr., built a saw-mill near Castle Hill, they having liberty to flow lands there from October to April yearly. This mill continued to be used till about 1820.

A NEW PARISH MEETING-HOUSE.

Voted, That the town commence preparing materials for building a new meeting-house.

LIBRARY.

In 1786, the first public library in town was started. It was called at first "The Circulating Library"; afterward, "The Medfield Social Library." Any person could become

a proprietor by the payment of \$1 annually, until the payments amounted to \$4. There were proprietors in all the surrounding towns. Dr. Prentiss was librarian; and the library, it is said, contained upward of seven hundred volumes, including the *Encyclopædia Americana*, in sixteen volumes. A remnant of that library is now, or has lately been, stored at the town farm.

1787. Selectmen, Eleazar Wheelock, Enoch Adams, Jonathan Wight, Asa Mason, and Francis Hamant.

John Baxter, Jr., Representative. He was to have *4s. 6d.* a day of actual service, and travelling fees.

A committee was chosen to consider the matter of a new meeting-house. They reported, recommending that it be built sixty feet in length, forty-five in width, and that it be erected in the year 1789. The pews to be sold to the highest bidder, one-half the payment to be in labor or materials, and the other half, cash. Twenty-five wall pews were to be built in the gallery.

A building committee was then chosen, consisting of Sabin Mann, Oliver Ellis, and Daniel Perry; and they were instructed to procure of Captain Joseph Bacon a plan and estimate of the cost, also to engage him as master workman.

Town granted £25 for schools, £20 for the poor. A road was laid out from Noon Hill



NOON HILL ACROSS THE MEADOWS.

Street on the southerly side of the hill; now discontinued as a town way. The location of roads was changed in various places, on the west side of Noon Hill.

Voted to make an addition to the North School-house, not to ex-

ceed six feet, and to repair the old part; £22 appropriated.

A road was laid out on the north-west side of "Baxter's pasture" to Walpole line. This is the lane leading south-westerly from Granite Street.

Rev. Thomas Gair was dismissed from the pastorate of the Baptist church, which continued from this time, twenty-three years, without a pastor.

FORM OF OATH FOR TOWN OFFICERS, 1787-1790.

"I do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify, and declare that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is, and of right ought to be, a free, sovereign, and independent state; and I do swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the said Commonwealth, and that I will defend the same against traitorous conspiracies and all hostile attempts whatsoever: and that I do renounce and abjure all allegiance, subjection, and obedience to the King, Queen, or Government of Great Britain (as the case may be) and every other foreign power whatsoever; and that no foreign prince, person, prelate, state, or potentate, hath, or ought to have, any jurisdiction, superiority, pre-eminence, authority, dispensing or other power, in any matter, civil, ecclesiastical, or spiritual, within this Commonwealth, except the authority and power which is or may be vested by their constituents in the Congress of the United States; and I do further testify and declare that no man or body of men hath or have any right to absolve or discharge me from the obligation of this oath, declaration, or affirmation, and that I do make this acknowledgment, profession, testimony, declaration, denial, renunciation, and abjuration, heartily and truly according to the common meaning and acceptation of the foregoing words, without any equivocation, mental evasion, or secret reservation whatsoever. So help me God."

1788. Selectmen, Oliver Ellis, Nathan Adams, Asa Boyden, Joseph Breck, and Elihu Chenery.

John Baxter, Jr., Representative.

The estimates and specifications for the meeting-house were brought in. The old building was to be pulled down, and such materials as were fit reserved for the use of the new. The committee was ordered to build a "decent cover over the bell, but not a steeple." The committee chosen for

the purpose sold fifty-eight pews on the lower floor, at prices ranging from £9 to £20; also, seventeen pews in the gallery, at £4 and upward.

EXEMPTION FROM MINISTERIAL TAXES.

The following persons were exempted from paying ministerial taxes, they holding religious views differing from the Congregationalists: Oliver Ellis, Simeon Cutler, Silas Mason, William Connolly, Asa Mason, Eliakim Morse, Seth Clark, Ebenezer Clark, Sabin Mann, Richard Mann, Edward Clark, Silas Plimpton, William Hooker, Benjamin Plimpton, Warrick Green, Sarah Plimpton, Francis Hamant, Moses Lovell, Simeon Pratt, Widow Abigail Plimpton, Elihu Lawrence, Francis Cole, Solomon Clark, Eleazar Perry, Jacob Marshall.

1789. Selectmen, Nathan Adams, Eleazar Ellis, Jonathan Smith, Silas Mason, and Gershom Adams.

Oliver Ellis, Representative.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

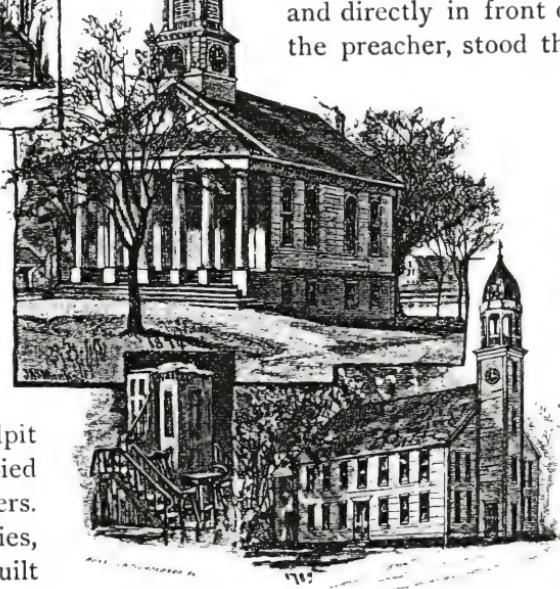
The town was divided into school districts, with the provision that any person should have the right to send to which school he pleased, by notifying the assessors.

The Congregational Society made arrangements with the Baptists for the use of their house of worship while the new meeting-house was building, the Baptist Society reserving the house for their own services one Sabbath in every four.

The meeting-house built in 1789, with various alterations and improvements since made, is still standing, and is used by the Unitarian Society. The specifications for the frame are given in detail in the town records, and are remarkable for the amount of heavy timber mentioned. The house, as originally built, stood facing the north-east; and on the front end, next to North Street, there was a projecting tower, fourteen feet square, the base of which formed the main entrance, with doors on three sides. The tower was fifty-two feet in height, and was surmounted by a belfry and

cupola. There was a projection also on the opposite end of the house, having three doors; and there was a door in the middle of the south side of the building. From this last the broad aisle ran directly across to the pulpit, which was in the middle of the north side. The pulpit was high, and was

reached by a long flight of stairs. Over the pulpit hung the "sounding-board"; and, high on the same side, a gilded pineapple surmounted all. At the foot of the pulpit stairs, and directly in front of the preacher, stood the



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table, with the deacons' seats by it. There were galleries on the other three sides, that opposite the pulpit being occupied by the singers. In the galleries, pews were built against the wall; and under the gallery there were two rows of pews, with an aisle between them. The sides of the pews were some four feet in height, and the town voted "to have the pews built with banisters"; that is, in the sides of the pews, near the top, an open space some six or eight inches in height was left, which was filled in with small uprights of turned wood. The pews were rectangular enclosures, six or eight feet in length and breadth, having seats on every side. The occu-

pants, during service, formed little family groups, sitting, some with their faces, and some with their backs, toward the minister. The seats were hung by hinges to the sides of the pews, and were raised for the greater convenience of standing in prayer time. At the conclusion, they were dropped back to their places with a great clatter. This part of the service gave rise to the following motto, with which one of the pews is said to have been embellished :—

“Soon as the minister says Amen,
Be sure and let the seat-lid slam.”

The town hired an acre of land of Captain Cooledge, where J. R. Cushman's house now stands, to frame the meeting-house on. The carpenters commenced work about the 20th of April. Oliver Chenery worked on the house one hundred and thirty-two days, at 3*s.* a day. Probably, this was about the wages the best carpenters received in those days.

RAISING THE MEETING-HOUSE.

Bustling days in the village were those when the “raising” took place. People came from all the surrounding towns; the streets were lined with teams; booths and bakers' carts supplied the hungry and thirsty crowd which came to witness the great sight. The frame was immensely heavy, and a strong force of men was required to place it in position. Owing to the want of suitable appliances, or of sufficient daring on the part of the men, the higher parts of the building baffled their efforts. In this emergency, Captain Downs, of Walpole, was called to their aid. By the help of his experience and courage, accompanied, it is said, with considerable rough language on his part, the work was completed on the third day.

The supplies for the raising consisted of four barrels of beer, twenty-five gallons of West India rum, thirty gallons of New England rum, thirty-four pounds of loaf sugar, twenty-five pounds of brown sugar, and four hundred and sixty-five lemons. Joseph Clark and Amos Plimpton furnished seven hundred and fifteen meals for the men that assisted

at the raising, at 6*d.* a meal. These bills were all paid by the town.

This year, Medfield and Dover were united in representation. The Dover people came to Medfield to vote for the next forty-seven years.

1790. Selectmen, Oliver Ellis, Daniel Perry, James Morse, Elijah Adams, and Simeon Cutler.

Oliver Ellis was Representative.

A petition was presented asking that a small portion of the town of Wrentham, including the families of James Boyden, Richard Boyden, Asa Fisher, and Matthias Armsby, be annexed to Medfield. It was not granted.

Certain woodlands in the south part of the town were sold, and the proceeds added to the school fund.

The elms on the south side of Main Street, in the centre of the village, were set out this year by Gershom and Samuel Wheelock: that by the town pump is older, having been set out in 1762.

William Clark was commissioned as captain.

In these days, a tavern was kept in the south part of the town by Sabin Mann, at the place now owned by W. R. Smith.

The population of the town, according to the first national census in 1790, was 731.

The town returned a vote of thanks to the proprietors of the Baptist meeting-house "for their benevolence and kindness in accommodating the Congregational Society with their meeting-house free of cost and charge to meet for public worship while said Society were destitute of a house for that purpose."

1791. Selectmen, Eleazar Wheelock, William Clark, Oliver Adams, George Ellis, and Charles Hamant.

Oliver Ellis, Representative.

£50 appropriated for schools.

Voted, That Long Causeway be raised above the high-water mark for the convenience of those who desired to go to the wood lots on the south side of Stop River.

1792. Selectmen, Oliver Ellis, James Gerauld, Timothy Shepard, James Morse, and Elijah Adams.

Oliver Ellis, Representative.

The old "planting field" road was discontinued, leading into the woods westward from Granite Street, just above its junction with High Street.

The division of the county was again urged, and Oliver Ellis was appointed agent of the town to act in this matter.

A committee was chosen to make regulations for a small-pox hospital. There is no further record concerning it; but tradition has it that a hospital once stood where a cellar is still visible in the "Baxter pasture," on Granite Street.

Ephraim Smith was commissioned as captain of the military company here, an office which he held till 1800, when he received a major's commission.

Voted, That stone steps be made to each and every outside door of the new meeting-house.

£60 granted for highways.

Timothy Battle & Co. kept a store on North Street, opposite Dale, for the next ten years. A house of public entertainment also was still kept there.

1793. Selectmen, Oliver Ellis, James Gerauld, Timothy Shepard, James Morse, and Elijah Adams.

A new road was laid out to the upper bridge over Charles River, and the old road on the north side of "Smith's brook" was discontinued.

MEDFIELD RECORDS.

A proposition was made that "the antient records of the town" be transcribed. Voted that they be new covered, paper added, and an index made. This refers probably to the early land grants, as a copy of a portion of them, together with an index of the same, was made about this time, and is still preserved among the town papers.

NINE O'CLOCK BELL.

Ordered that the meeting-house bell be rung at nine o'clock P.M., for one year.

NORFOLK COUNTY.

June 20, 1793, Norfolk County was incorporated. Efforts had been made for a new county during half a century. Among the reasons urged, an old writing contains the following: "Should Courts of Justice be erected in some country town within the county, we expect that the wheels of law and justice would move on without the clogs and embarrassment of a numerous train of lawyers. The scenes of gayety and amusements which are now prevalent at Boston we expect would so allure them, as that we should be rid of their perplexing officiousness."

It was thought at one time that Medfield should be the shire town; but this was opposed by some of our prudent citizens, on the ground that the young men would fall into habits of idleness, and spend too much time in gratifying curiosity by attending trials in court.

1794. Selectmen, Jonathan Wight, Edward Cleave-land, Obed Fisher, Charles Hamant, and Nathan Allen.

John Baxter, Representative.

A committee was appointed to view the South School-house, and report how the same may be made convenient for the district scholars. Reported that it is best to sell the old house, and build new. £55, in addition to what the old house would bring, was granted for the purpose. The new building was to be twenty-two by eighteen feet, to stand in the northerly corner of the town's land, where the old one stood, and to be clapboarded and painted.

Voted, That a wall be laid in front of the burying-ground, and that all the trees upon said ground be cut down and sold for the benefit of the town.

TOWN MAP.

In accordance with the legislative act, a map of the town was made, a copy of which is in the office of the Secretary of State. The details of this map are so meagre as to make it of comparatively little worth.

MINISTERIAL TAXES.

In 1794, a ministerial tax was levied upon all the property holders, including those who claimed exemption on the ground of a different religious belief. Ebenezer Clark, chairman of the committee of the Baptist Society, was arrested for non-payment, and lodged in jail. It was soon discovered that there was an informality in the proceeding, which might be very damaging to those concerned in it; and the town authorities went to Boston, and had Mr. Clark released as speedily as possible. At a town-meeting subsequently, it was voted that a committee of nine be appointed to decide whose ministerial taxes should be abated. They reported the following list: Oliver Ellis, Peter Warren, Joseph Cutler, heirs of Silas Mason, Asa Mason, Oliver Partridge, Asa Clark, Simon Plimpton, Seth Clark, Ebenezer Clark, Eliakim Morse, James Morse, Elias Clark, Benjamin Plimpton, Sarah Plimpton, Silas Plimpton, Francis Hamant, heirs of Edward Clark, Eleazar Perry, Elihu Lawrence, Matthias Armsby, Elisha Sayles, Abigail Plimpton, and John Cutler. Armsby and Sayles lived in the border of Wrentham.

In the mean time, Ebenezer Clark had brought a suit against the town; and a committee was appointed to attend to that matter. They reported that, "whereas, a lawsuit did take place in consequence of a ministerial tax levied upon the whole incorporation, but by the simple omission of a seal on the warrant the assessors were subjected to damage and cost, nevertheless the disposition of the cause answered the question in dispute respecting a ministerial tax levied on the whole incorporation where there are different denominations, we are of opinion the town grant the sum of \$60.87 to defray the expense of said lawsuit." The money was granted, and this was the last attempt in this town to force the payment of taxes to support the ministers of the standing order by those of different religious belief.

1795. Selectmen, Jonathan Wight, Moses Hill, Obed Fisher, Nahum Wight, and Artemas Woodward.

John Baxter, Representative.

THE FIRST GUIDE-BOARDS.

The town "voted to erect five guide-posts": one at Simon Plimpton's, opposite the cemetery; one by Eleazar Wheelock's, corner of Main and North Streets; one near Joseph Johnson's house, corner of North and Pine Streets; one near David Onion's, corner of Main and South Streets; and one by the South School-house.

The first proposition was made to place stoves in the several school-houses. It was not done, however, for many years; and the old fireplaces continued in use.

The towns voted this year upon the expediency of revising the State Constitution. Medfield voted thirty-six to seven against revision, and was in accord with the general sentiment of the State.

Liberty was given to Eliakim Allen to have "half an acre of the town's land in Wheeler's Bottom, adjoining the church lot, for a house spot and garden, provided the selectmen think best, and it is not disagreeable to Mr. Prentiss." The house was built, and stood on the spot now occupied by that of R. A. Battelle, on Frairy Street.

Granted to Artemas Woodward the privilege of flowing town's land near where the old fulling-mill formerly stood, known as Meeting-house Pond. Soon afterward, he bought of the proprietors of common lands the land flowed by his pond.

THE MEADOWS VIEWED.

A committee was appointed by Governor Adams to view the state of Charles River, from Natick to two miles above Dwight's bridge, and two miles up the several streams flowing into said river. They reported that they "have removed some obstructions, and the meadows are mended by what has been done. But among the difficulties complained of to us is a Milldam in Natick, owned by Mr. Wm. Bigelow. Experiments have been made at different times by which it appears that the water is not discharged so quickly from the meadow as it would be if the dam were removed. It appears to us that if the owner of the dam would keep off his

flush boards and open his sluices during the months of June, July, and August, when the river is high, the meadows would be essentially benefitted by it; but it would not be necessary to use this remedy every year, as the summer is not every year attended with a freshet."

About this date, Oliver Wheelock built a store on the corner of Main and North Streets. It was a long one-story building, with a horse-shed attached, and stood directly in front of the present store. The houses on South Street, now owned by Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Williams, were made from these buildings.

1796. Selectmen, Moses Hill, Artemas Woodward, Charles Hamant, Augustus Plimpton, and Simeon Chenery.

John Baxter, Representative.

CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

A vote was passed by the parish church that, if any confession of a fault be hereafter necessary, it shall be received in the presence of the church only. In early days, confession of wrong was made in the presence of the whole congregation.

Several pieces of town land were sold, including the "training field" at the corner of South and Philip Streets; and the land left for a watering place by Asa Hamant's farther house, now near the junction of High and Granite Streets; also, land left for a watering place near Elihu Lawrence's. This was on the west side of South Street, near where Mr. Quincy now lives.

1797. Selectmen, Charles Hamant, Augustus Plimpton, Simeon Chenery, Thaddeus Morse, and Eliakim Morse, Jr.

John Baxter, Representative.

The town pound is mentioned as being by the house of Asa Boyden, corner of South and Pound Streets. It had been removed from its original location near the meeting-house, but at what date does not appear. It was again removed in 1862. \$80 was added to Mr. Prentiss' salary,

which is stated to be \$238.22. Among the town officers this year, we find sealer of leather, surveyor of bread, and surveyor of lumber.

AN ACADEMY DESIRED.

A proposition was made that the town grant \$3,000 to establish an academy. The vote was adverse.

A committee was chosen to act with that appointed by the General Court to measure the different roads leading from Connecticut to Boston. This was the first movement toward the construction of the Boston and Hartford turnpike.

OLD ELECTION DAY SPORTS.

An old memorandum book informs us that Wednesday, May 31 (old election), was a great bird-killing day. As the result of this humane and beautiful pastime, it is stated that a thousand birds were killed. The diarist complacently adds "mostly of hurtful ones."

FACULTY TAX.

At this period, a tax for "faculty" was imposed. Professional men and mechanics were taxed in consequence of possessing superior skill. The doctors headed the list with a special tax of \$15. Next came employers and master workmen, followed by tanners, carpenters, shoemakers, and blacksmiths. In 1797, twenty-eight men in this town paid a tax for "faculty" of from \$5 to \$15 each.

1798. Selectmen, Charles Hamant, Eliakim Morse, Jr., William Clark, Moses Lovell, and Dyer Lovell.

John Baxter, Representative.

Artemas Woodward was chosen town clerk, and held the office two years.

Money received from the sales of land, \$550.52, was devoted to the use of schools forever.

The school fund now amounted to \$1,104.80.

MEETINGS FOR POLITICAL STUDY.

During this year, a series of weekly meetings was inaugurated, for the purpose of extending political information by reading and conversation, to be governed by the following rules :—

1. That such political books shall be publicly read as may be approved by a majority of persons present, or by an approving committee, as shall be judged expedient.
2. That the reading at each meeting commence precisely at six o'clock, and continue until eight, unless otherwise directed by a majority of persons present.
3. That, whatever book is introduced, the reading thereof shall be continued in the successive meetings until it is finished, unless otherwise directed.
4. That any person present may at any time interrupt the reader to make pertinent inquiries or illustrative observations relative to the facts or sentiments read at that time, but no discussion during the hours of reading shall in any case be admitted on any topic foreign to the book under consideration.
5. There shall be chosen a first and second moderator of this meeting, the first to preside whenever present, the second at all times in the absence of the first.
6. The presiding moderator shall keep due order in the house, and call any person to order who in his inquiries or observations infringes the limits of the foregoing regulations.
7. The presiding moderator shall direct the reader to proceed after every interruption, whenever he shall judge that the point in discussion has been sufficiently illustrated.
8. At the close of the reading, any subject may be introduced and discussed, subject, however, to the order of the meeting ; and the presiding moderator during the evening shall be the sole judge of all questions of order.

1799. Selectmen, Charles Hamant, Obed Fisher, Moses Hartshorn, Joseph Clark, Jr., and John Smith, Jr. Ezekiel Plimpton, Representative.

The tax on dogs was abated this year, "considering the advantages that dogs have been in destroying noxious animals."

The new South School-house was accepted of Captain Ephraim Smith.

TREE-PLANTING.

Liberty was granted to all persons to plant or transplant trees by the roadside adjoining their own land, and to cut and carry them off at pleasure. Highway surveyors were to have power to remove such trees, if necessary.

Many of the fine trees which have adorned the roadsides of the town during the present century are the result of the interest of the citizens in the subject of tree-planting at this time. Not only in the centre of the town, but on roads in the outskirts, were trees planted. A beautiful row of elms once extended for half a mile along South Street, on the easterly side, southward of the South School-house.

A committee of three was chosen to procure good hewn stone steps for the front door of the meeting-house; and \$40 was appropriated for the purpose.

Voted, To abate the ministerial taxes of all persons who bring a certificate from any public teacher of religion, or committee of a religious society of a different denomination from the majority of this town, certifying that they pay to the support of the gospel in that society.

MARKET-WOMEN.

Among the customs peculiar to the closing years of the eighteenth century may be mentioned that of the women going to market. Several of the goodwives of Medfield went regularly to market, excepting during the winter. They went on horseback. A large wallet or strong bag was slung across the horse's back, containing the butter, cheese, and other similar products of the farm. Eggs were wrapped in tow, singly, to prevent breaking. Poultry was carried dangling at the side of the load. Back of the rider was a bag of hay for the horse. They started about sunset, going as far as Roxbury, where they turned into a horse-shed, gave the horse a part of the hay, using the rest for a pillow, on which they slept a few hours, starting out again in season to reach Boston early in the morning. After selling out, they returned home the same day. Women from Medway and other towns did the same.

INDEPENDENCE DAY.

On the Fourth of July, 1799, Dr. Prentiss preached a sermon commemorative of American independence. His text was, "Stand fast, therefore, in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free."

CHAPTER XII.



MEDFIELD IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

1800. Selectmen, John Baxter, Nathan Allen, Obed Fisher, Moses Hartshorn, and Joseph Clark, Jr.

John Baxter, Representative.

Jethro Peters was chosen town clerk. He held the office two years.

This year, the town granted \$150 for schools, \$300 for highways, \$277 for the ministry, and \$100 for the poor.

Voted, To have the meeting-house painted in the month of September or October.

The bills presented for payment were as follows: 95 gallons of linseed oil, \$95.92; 3 cwt. 3 qrs. of white lead, \$47.53; 3 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs. of Spanish brown, \$9.94; 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 1 lb. of Spanish whiting, \$3.81; sundry small paints, \$1.92; James Dupee and John W. Adams for 75½ days' labor, \$75.50.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

The district lines were established in 1800, and so remained until the abolition of the district system, in 1869.

A proposition was made to build new school-houses in

the north and centre districts. They were not built, however, for several years.

Voted, To have the town's burying cloth dyed and pressed; also, "to procure a bier and cords for the convenience of funerals."

GENERAL WASHINGTON'S OBSEQUIES.

Among the local events of the year should be mentioned the public services held after the death of General Washington. Dr. Prentiss pronounced the eulogy at the meeting-



BIRTHPLACE OF LOWELL MASON.

house, after which a procession was formed, headed by musicians playing on violins and bass viols. Then came the orator of the day, dressed in the costume of the period, with knee breeches and cocked hat, accompanied by the town dignitaries. Following these came the school children and citizens generally. The procession moved from the church down Main Street as far as the cemetery. Then, returning, it proceeded up North Street to the Mason tavern, opposite Dale Street, where a dinner was served, the tables being spread out of doors.

Johnson Mason was commissioned captain of the Medfield company this year.

The population of the town by the national census of 1800 was 745.

1801. Selectmen, John Baxter, Nathan Allen, Edward Cleaveland, Moses Hartshorn, and Eliakim Morse, Jr.

John Baxter, Representative.

BELL AND TOWN CLOCK.

Voted that the old bell be sent to Boston, and recast as near in the same form and size as might be. \$250 was granted for the purpose. Also voted to take charge of the clock that had been bought for the meeting-house, and have it wound at the expense of the town. There is no record of the purchase of the town clock, and it was probably the gift of individuals.

STRAW MANUFACTURE COMMENCED.

About this time, Johnson Mason and George Ellis, who kept a store at the tavern stand on North Street, opposite Dale, commenced the manufacture of straw bonnets. This was the beginning of what has since been the leading manufacture of the place. The straw was braided in families, and the braid was turned into the store in payment for goods. Then, after being trimmed, it was carried out to those who sewed it into bonnets, which were finished, and sent to Boston or New York. The straw used was that of rye, cut when in the blossom, and prepared by scalding and bleaching.

1802. Selectmen, John Baxter, Charles Hamant, Moses Hartshorn, Johnson Mason, and William Clark.

John Baxter, Representative.

The old guns and gunlocks belonging to the town, probably relics of the Revolutionary War, were to be sold, and the proceeds invested in good firearms.

THE FIRST HEARSE.

\$65 was appropriated for the purpose of purchasing a hearse "for the use of the town." Prior to this time, the

bodies of the dead were moved upon a bier, eight men being furnished as bearers, in order that they might relieve each other. The hearse was built by Artemas Woodward and Edward Cleaveland.

The selectmen were directed to set out trees in the burying-ground, near the wall on the front.

A MURDER.

The first murder committed by any resident of Medfield occurred in 1802. William P. Allen was killed by his eccentric brother-in-law, Ebenezer Mason, who was tried, convicted, and hanged on the 7th of October. Some time prior to November 1, his body was stolen from the burying-ground; and a committee was appointed by the town to prosecute the body snatchers. They reported that Jonathan Sprague, of Dedham, and Zadock Howe, of Franklin, took the body; but the principal witness, Royal Sayles, being concealed, they failed to prosecute the case.

About this time, the "Horse-thief Detecting Society" was formed by persons in this and neighboring towns. Thirty of these were residents of Medfield.

1803. Selectmen, John Baxter, William Clark, Johnson Mason, Moses Hartshorn, and John Smith.

John Baxter, Representative.

Johnson Mason was chosen town clerk. He held the office nineteen years.

The town voted, seventy to eight, in favor of continuing Bellingham turnpike through Medfield.

Each soldier of the town was supplied with twenty-four rounds of ball cartridge, to be kept at the powder-house.

Johnson Mason having been promoted to a lieutenant colonelcy, Oliver Chenery was commissioned as captain.

The brick school-house, which stood at the corner of North and Railroad Streets, was built. The old building was moved to "Dingle Dell" for a dwelling, where it is still standing.

1804. Selectmen, Elijah Adams, Obed Fisher, Charles Hamant, Moses B. Harding, and Elisha Clark.

John Baxter, Representative.

The taxes were collected by Jonathan Fiske, for three per cent.

The land left for a watering place on Green Street was sold to Nathan Partridge for \$20.

MUSICAL INSTRUCTION.

An article was inserted in the town-meeting warrant to see if the town would appropriate a sum of money for the support of a singing-school. Negatived at this time, though a few years afterward such appropriations were made.

1805. Selectmen, Charles Hamant, Elisha Clark, William Peters, Jonathan Fiske, and Joseph Clark, Jr.

Ephraim Chenery, Representative.

A road was laid out across the South School-house lot.

CARE OF PAUPERS.

A committee was chosen to devise a better method of caring for the poor. Reported that it was found on inquiry that the towns of Dedham, Roxbury, and Quincy support their poor at one-half what it would cost them on the plan pursued here. But no change was made in the system. Paupers were boarded around at various places in town, where they could be kept cheapest. In a town-meeting called for the purpose, each pauper by *name* was disposed of at public auction to the lowest bidder annually.

\$400 was granted this year for the support of the poor.

The Baptist church, having become reduced to twelve members, only two of whom were men, proposed to disband and become a branch of the Attleboro church. A travelling preacher dissuaded them from the step, and some accessions made soon after rendered it unnecessary.

William Peters received a commission as captain.

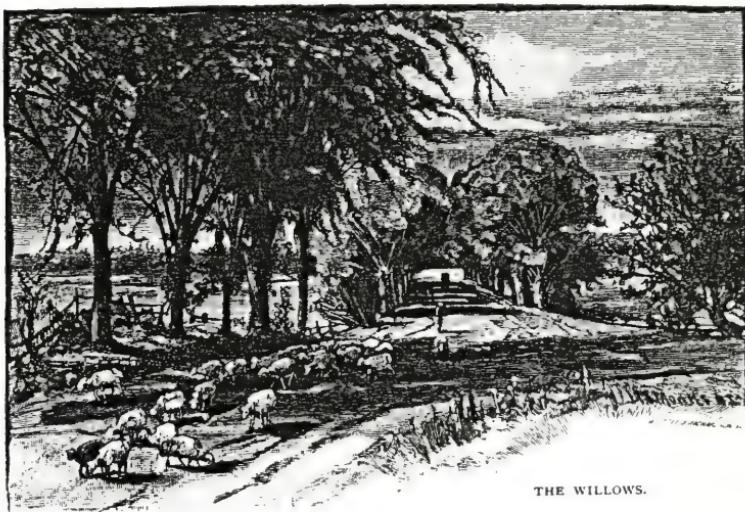
1806. Selectmen, William Clark, Joseph Clark, Jr., Moses B. Harding, Elias Mann, and Johnson Mason.

Ephraim Chenery, Representative.

A hearse-house was built this year, at a cost of \$57.08. It stood at the easterly corner of the old cemetery, next the street.

THE TURNPIKE AND THE STAGE-COACHES.

The Boston and Hartford turnpike was built in 1806. A turnpike from Boston to Dedham had existed for some time; and, in 1804, a petition for the incorporation of "The Hartford and Dedham Turnpike Corporation" was sent to



THE WILLOWS.

the Legislature. The Act of Incorporation was passed March 9 of the same year. The stock was sold for a while at \$50 a share, though in a few years it had declined to \$10, and eventually became worthless. Various widenings and straightenings of the old county road east of the village were made. The traces of the old crooked way are still visible in many places. Eastward, the turnpike, leaving the old road, approached Dedham by what is now called Cedar Hill Street; and, westward, a new causeway with bridges

connected Medfield with Medway at the "willows." A toll-gate was erected at the corner of Main and Bridge Streets, and all vehicles passing over the turnpike bridge were required to pay toll.

A line of stage-coaches was run from Boston to Hartford over this route; and there are those yet living who can well remember hearing the bugles sound for change of horses, on approaching the village. After a score of years or so, the toll-gates were removed, and the turnpike became a town highway.

At this date, Moses Richardson kept a tavern in the east part of the town, at the place now owned by Mr. Bussey.

GREAT SICKNESS.

A fatal epidemic prevailed through this region in the early part of 1806, and is said to have commenced in Medfield. Eight children died here of the disease, which was then called "spotted fever."

A CHURCH ORGAN.

There was an article in the town-meeting warrant "to see if the town will take any method to remove the organ out of the meeting-house, or act anything relating thereto." This is the first hint of an organ in a Medfield church. Nothing further is known in regard to it. G. W. Adams had a shop on North Street, where he made small pipe organs. Possibly, he set up one of them in the meeting-house, and gave offence to some thereby.

The following advertisement is found in the *Norfolk Repository* of Sept. 26, 1806:—

George W. Adams Informs the public that he proposes to carry on Organ Building in its various Branches at his House, a little north of the Meeting-House in Medfield, where he will build at short Notice Church Organs of any size. Chamber Organs, Barrel ditto.—Piano Fortes organized, and all kinds of keyed and other Musical Instruments repaired and put in order.—He has for SALE a good Eight-Stop Organ suitable for Church or Meeting-House which he will dispose of on moderate terms.

THE MEDFIELD POST-OFFICE.

The first movement for a post-office here was made this year. The following is a copy of a letter from Daniel Adams, Esq., to Hon. Seth Hastings, then in Congress :—

MEDFIELD, Jan. 28, 1806.

Sir,—I am induced by the encouragement of some friends to solicit you to grant a favor as well to myself as to the Inhabitants of the Town of Medfield and its vicinity. It is a fact that a Post Office established in this place would be a great convenience and benefit, and will not, as we think, create any expense to the United States, but will add something to its revenue. Medfield, as you know, is situated on the Middle Post Road from Boston to Hartford, and since the establishment of the Hartford and Dedham Turnpike road is increasing in population and business, and probably will continue to increase.

It is true there are Post Offices in Dedham and Medway, the former nine miles, and the latter between six and seven miles distant; but we find much difficulty in obtaining our letters and papers from these distant offices.

The towns of Medfield, Sherborn, Walpole, the District of Dover, a part of Medway, and a part of Dedham would be accommodated by a Post Office established in Medfield, and would principally, I presume, join in a petition to that effect, provided that were the proper mode of application; but I am informed that a representation of the merits of the application from a gentleman of influence and reputation, who is personally acquainted with the subject, would be sufficient to induce the Post Master General to determine favorably on the subject. If it is not too presumptuous, Sir, we would request you to make the application in our behalf; and we shall promptly remunerate you for your services, and shall esteem it a great favor.

The applicant for the position, being a Federalist, was not favored by the opposing party, then rapidly gaining prominence. Samuel Seaver was appointed April 1, 1807. He kept store on the corner of North and Main Streets, having succeeded Oliver Wheelock.

A RESCUE.

The following is a copy of a letter written by Dr. Prentiss to the Humane Society :—

Oct. 20, 1806.

I wish to communicate to the Trustees of our Humane Society a statement of a successful exertion in saving the life of a lad who had

nearly perished in the watery element. I am satisfied the activity and enterprise of the agents will be thought deserving of your attention.

Lowell Mason, a son of my nearest neighbor, of about sixteen, went into Charles River to bathe, and, unexpectedly to himself, was carried by the current where the water was eight or nine feet in depth. Having sunk and arisen twice, calling for help in the best manner his situation admitted, he went down the third time. Two lads younger than himself being present,—namely, Moses Wight and Joseph Lovell,—the former, with all his clothing upon him, plunged into the water, and brought his friend from the bottom; while the other very judiciously floated a rail on the surface, and aided them both to the land.

Young Mason assures me that, from the time of his calling for help, he recollects nothing until he found himself supported at the shore by the hand of his friend. The lads testify that he appeared insensible, and was unable to support himself for some time; that he emitted a considerable quantity of water, and gradually regained his recollection and the use of his limbs in such a measure as to ride home about one and one-half miles in a wagon, with which he had been out on business for his parents. This is the testimony of the lads, which is all the nature of the case admits; and I beg leave to add their character leaves no room for doubt of its correctness.

A deed, given in 1806 to Beriah Brastow, of property near the present almshouse, specially mentions "a privilege in the aqueduct running from the spring, or fountain-head, near the meeting-house." The old logs which carried the water have been found in recent years. No record of the construction of these water-works has been discovered. The spring, or fountain-head, was on what is now the straw-works lot.

1807. Selectmen, John Baxter, Eliakim Morse, Nathan Wight, Charles Hamant, and Augustus Plimpton.

Ephraim Chenery, Representative.

Certain town land was sold, and the proceeds, \$92.08, added to the school fund.

Nathan Wight received a captain's commission.

Partridge Holbrook commenced keeping public house at the old "Clark tavern," the house now owned by heirs of Warren Hartshorn; and the owners of the estate built the hall in the rear. It was then the most beautiful hall in the region. At its dedication, which took place in the

autumn, people came from surrounding towns to take part in the festivities. Holbrook continued to keep tavern until about 1811.

1808. Selectmen, John Baxter, George Ellis, Eliakim Morse, William Clark, and Thaddeus Morse.

Augustus Plimpton, Representative.

The manufacture of brushes was commenced about this time by Artemas Woodward, in a shop that stood near the present site of the Orthodox parsonage. It was a business new to this section of the country.

Voted, Not to let the cattle feed on the burying-ground.

Chose Amos Kingsbury to see that the fence around it was kept in good repair, and that all creatures were kept out. Up to this time, the cemetery had brought an income to the town by being rented for a pasture.

The town built a horse-shed for the minister, at a cost of \$36.

A PETITION TO THE PRESIDENT.

The inhabitants of the town of Medfield in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in legal town-meeting assembled, beg leave respectfully to represent that they, in common with their fellow-citizens of the United States, feel the pressure and suffer the evils arising from the existing laws passed the last session of Congress, laying an embargo on the extensive commerce of the country. Your memorialists are principally industrious tillers of the soil, which, by the blessing of Providence, yields to them a little surplus produce, which heretofore, under the care of a beneficent government, they have been able to sell to advantage, and appropriate the proceeds to the comfort of themselves and families. They claim the character of peaceable and patriotic citizens, and are willing still further to suffer privations, if the public good should require it. But they would respectfully submit to your Excellency this question, If there were existing reasons at the time the above-mentioned laws were made to justify Congress in passing them, whether the changes which have since happened in the condition and disposition of belligerent nations would not require for the public good that your Excellency should either partially or wholly suspend the operation of said laws, according to the power vested in you by Congress, which seems to have been delegated to you under the contemplation of such changes. If your Excellency should have any doubts respecting the authority vested in you, or the expediency of the exercise of it, your

memorialists humbly pray that you would exercise your undoubted and constitutional prerogative of calling Congress together as soon as possible to consider a question so highly interesting to the United States. As in duty bound, shall ever pray.

The embargo referred to was that laid by Congress, Dec. 22, 1807, suspending commercial relations with France and England, in retaliation for the decrees of those nations, then engaged in the Napoleonic wars, and under which our commerce had suffered frequent spoliation. It was a useless measure on the part of our government, and brought stagnation to all kinds of business.

Jonathan Fiske was commissioned as captain of the Medfield company.

1809. Selectmen, John Baxter, Joseph Clark, Jr., Elia-kim Morse, William Clark, and Thaddeus Morse.

Johnson Mason, Representative.

Voted, That the seats in the body of the meeting-house be taken up, and that pews be built on the same ground; also, that there be a place fixed in the side gallery for the people of color.

Ten pews were built directly in front of the deacons' seats, some of them five feet square, others three by seven and a half. The pews cost \$103.70, and were sold for \$730. The seats for the colored folks cost \$4.

Ebenezer Clark was appointed postmaster. He drove the stage, and brought the mail from Dedham. The office was kept at Partridge Holbrook's tavern.

A road was laid out from Canal Street to the north meadows, near the estate now owned by Hon. R. R. Bishop.

Another attempt was made this year by the meadow owners to effect a settlement with Dr. Bigelow, of Natick, in regard to damages.

Independence Day was celebrated; and the oration was delivered by Timothy Hamant, Esq.

1810. Selectmen, Charles Hamant, Jonathan Fiske, Isaiah Smith, Amos Smith, and Phineas Allen.

Johnson Mason, Representative.

Another effort was made to purchase a house for the poor of the town. The vote was adverse.

A NEW TAVERN.

David Fairbanks, who had bought the Wheelock estate, started a tavern where the town hall now stands, and also kept the store on the corner of North Street. He bought large quantities of straw braid, and employed a number of women and girls at sewing it into bonnets. He had a boarding-house for his employés. The goods were carried from here to Providence by ox-teams, thence to New York by water. The store at present standing on the corner was built by him, the smaller original building having stood on the street directly in front of it. He also built the house opposite the head of South Street. Fairbanks was the business man of the town at that day.

A new school-house was built in the centre district. It stood on North Street, near where the boarding-house now stands. The old building was sold for \$80, and was moved to the south part of the town, and is still standing.

ACADEMY HALL.

A proposition was made that the town build a hall over the new school-house. This was voted down. The "Medfield Academy Hall" corporation was then formed, with forty shares at \$10 a share. The hall in the second story was built, and a select school kept in it till the hall was sold to the freemasons. The district expended about \$1,000 for school accommodations in the lower story.

Rev. William Gammell became pastor of the Baptist church, the first since the resignation of Mr. Gair, twenty-three years before. He preached alternate Sabbaths in West Dedham, where a considerable part of the members resided.

Wales Plimpton was commissioned as captain.
The population of the town in 1810 was 786.

1811. Selectmen, Charles Hamant, Isaiah Smith, Phineas Allen, Amos Smith, and Wales Plimpton.

Johnson Mason, Representative.

The town treasurer received for his services \$10 annually.

The members of the Baptist church and congregation were incorporated as a religious society by act of the Legislature.

Independence Day was observed in this town; and forty young girls, dressed in uniform, marched in procession.

John W. Adams commenced the manufacture of brushes at his place on Elm Street, now owned by Miss Steele, in the old house which was the birthplace of Miss Hannah Adams.



BIRTHPLACE OF HANNAH ADAMS.

AN OLD-TIME COLLEGE GRADUATION.

The account of the college graduation of Dr. Joseph Allen, in 1811, gives some particulars which afford a glimpse of the style of those days. It was a great event in a small country town for one of its farmers' sons to graduate from Harvard with high honors, and great preparations were made for the occasion.

The graduate was clad in a black coat and small-clothes, with black silk stockings tied with ribbon at the knee. All these were made in his father's house, as also his ruffled shirts. His pumps were made by the town shoemaker. Several friends of his were invited to go down to Cambridge with the family. Among these were Lowell Mason and Wickliffe Adams. The whole party, numbering twenty-five, arrayed in their best, started from Medfield in carriages at 4 A.M., and drove to Cambridge. A "spread" was arranged. Everything for the tables except the warm meats was cooked at home, and carried down by the family. Two colored men walked down from Medfield to serve at the spread. On this day, Edward Everett graduated, and gave

the English oration. Another Medfield boy, Thomas Prentiss, also graduated the same day with Joseph Allen.

The Medfield party drove home in the evening, arriving about midnight.

1812. Selectmen, John Baxter, Artemas Woodward, Obed Fisher, Nathaniel Kingsbury, and William Clark.

Daniel Adams, Representative.

Voted, That a man be allowed nine cents an hour for laboring on the highway.

A PROTEST.

The town of Roxbury having proposed to become the shire town, Medfield voted that, "notwithstanding the frequent changes that are taking place of late respecting lines and limits of districts, this town is determined to take all legal and constitutional methods to oppose such innovations as removing the shire town from Dedham to Roxbury; that the Representative elect, Daniel Adams, be directed to use his influence to prevent said removal; and that a copy of the foregoing vote be transmitted to the town clerk of Roxbury."

A communication was received from the selectmen of Boston respecting "the present alarming situation of our country." This was during the progress of events which led to the declaration of war with England soon after. The town voted, after considerable debate, "that for the time being the selectmen shall receive all documents relating to our public affairs which may be sent to the town, and hold the same for the use of all the citizens, and give notice of the receipt of such documents and of the place where they may be seen."

Obed Allen was commander of the Medfield military.

PREPARATIONS FOR WAR.

In July, the town authorities received directions from the Adjutant-General to have the magazine fully provided with the ammunition, stores, and utensils required by law, in view

of the fact that war had been declared by our government against Great Britain; also, that the militia of the town be in constant readiness to march to any part of the Commonwealth, whenever called upon by the Commander-in-chief. In case of actual invasion, the men to march at once, without waiting for special orders.

1813. Selectmen, Artemas Woodward, William Peters, Joseph Clark, Jr., Isaiah Smith, and Hinsdale Fisher.

Daniel Adams, Representative.

THE FIRST SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A committee was chosen to visit and superintend the schools, consisting of Rev. Thomas Prentiss, Daniel Adams, Dr. Lothario Danielson, and Dr. James Hewins. This is the first distinct mention of such a board.

The matter of a pauper house was again brought before the town, but no action was taken.

TOWN AND PARISH SEPARATED.

For one hundred and sixty-two years, the parish and the town had been considered identical. Steps were now taken to organize the First Parish in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth more recently enacted.

EFFORT TO DRAIN THE MEADOWS.—THE CANAL.

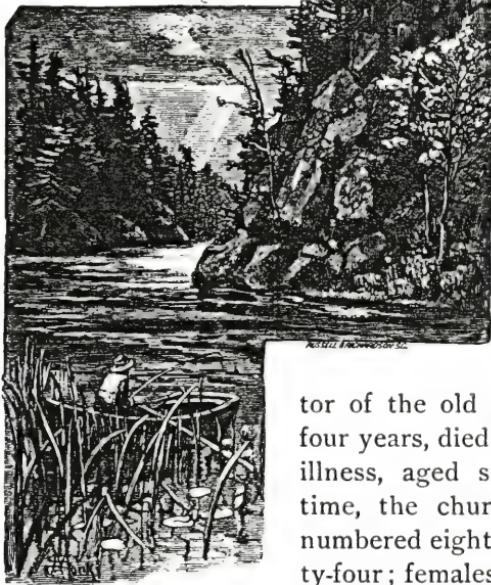
The corporation of the proprietors of the meadows made a widening of Charles River at Rock narrows. The contract was taken by Aaron Thayer, of Medway, for \$327. A canal was also dug through a neck of upland above the narrows, to aid in taking off the surplus water. Very little benefit was derived from either enterprise. The canal would not have been dug, probably, but for an error in the surveys, which made the fall greater than it is.

Samuel Johnson succeeded David Fairbanks as keeper of the tavern in the centre of the village.

MANUFACTURE OF CUT NAILS.

A company was formed, consisting of Joseph Clark, Daniel Adams, Daniel and Nathaniel Chickering, who built a nail factory on the stream below the present stone mill, and carried on the business there for several years. The "factory house" stood

on the Dedham road; lately owned by Horace Howard.



ROCK NARROWS.

1814. Selectmen, Nathaniel Kingsbury, William Clark, Beriah Brastow, David Fairbanks, and John Smith.

Daniel Adams, Representative.

Dr. Prentiss, who had been pastor of the old parish church forty-four years, died in 1814, after a brief illness, aged sixty-seven. At that time, the church is said to have numbered eighty-seven: males, twenty-four; females, sixty-three. A vote of thanks was presented to Rev. Mr. Bates for his discourse at the funeral

of the late pastor. Voted, also, that Dr. Prentiss' salary be continued to his family as long as preaching should be supplied on their account. The last Thursday in April was appointed as a day of special fasting in view of settling a new minister, and all in the town were invited to join.

In December, a call was given to Dr. Daniel C. Sanders, which was accepted; and he was installed the following spring.

Captain Bela Cleaveland was at the head of the military this year.

1815. Selectmen, Jonathan Fiske, Seth Ellis, Jonathan Wight, Jr., Daniels Hamant, and Arnold Russell.

Town and parish affairs were at last separated; and, from this date, no business relating to the First Congregational Parish appears in the records of the town.

The town land near the corner of Dale and Frairy Streets was sold for \$199.50, and the money was added to the school fund.

Johnson Mason invented a machine for trimming straw braid, and confined his attention largely to trimming, pressing, and bleaching it, preparatory to manufacture.

At Dr. Sanders' installation, a dissenting minority presented objections to the council; but they were not deemed of importance. There were several members who did not agree with Dr. Sanders' views, and this difference of opinion led to a division of the church some years later.

MEMBERS OF THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN 1815, WITH THE DATE
OF THEIR ADMISSION.

Sarah Allen,	1756	Finis Allen,	1795
Thankful Hinsdale,	1757	Sarah Breck,	1796
Jonathan Wight,	1761	Sarah Wheelock,	1797
Drusilla Smith,	1762	Ruth Allen,	1797
Melatiah Clark,	1764	Polly Smith,	1797
Elijah Adams,	1768	Jerusha Smith,	1797
Abigail Adams,	1768	Patience Breck,	1799
Margaret Peters,	1768	Jonathan Fiske,	1800
David Plimpton,	1771	Sally Fiske,	1800
Sarah Plimpton,	1771	Daniel Adams,	1800
Jonathan Smith,	1775	Caty Mason,	1800
Mary Smith,	1775	Sarah Adams,	1800
Mary Fisher,	1775	Olive Mason,	1801
Jemima Smith,	1775	Deborah Ellis,	1801
Sarah Townsend,	1775	Sibyl Harding,	1801
Silence Baxter,	1776	Moses Wight,	1802
Molly Armsby,	1780	Sarah Wight,	1802
Zilpah Nelson,	1784	Elisha Clark,	1802
Thankful Clark,	1785	Eliakim Allen,	1802
Eunice Cleaveland,	1785	Mary Allen,	1802
Ephraim Smith,	1787	Eli Smith,	1802
Joseph Breck,	1788	Dyer Lovell,	1802
Obed Fisher,	1791	Abigail Lovell,	1802
Mary Prentiss,	1794	Catherine Fuller,	1802
Phineas Allen,	1794	Mary Fuller,	1802
Artemas Woodward,	1795	Olive Morse,	1802
Mehitable Woodward,	1795	Kezia Mason,	1802
Atarah Smith,	1795	Hannah Plimpton,	1802

Anna Smith,	1802	Nabby Pierce,	1809
George W. Adams,	1803	Nathaniel Stearns,	1809
Mary Adams,	1803	Mary Stearns,	1809
Abigail Smith,	1803	Betsey Fairbanks,	1809
Lydia Whiston,	1803	Cynthia Chenery,	1809
Margaret Ellis,	1803	Lois Fisher,	1810
Asa Cole,	1804	Esther Chenery,	1811
Sarah Cole,	1804	Edward Breck, Jr.,	1812
Martha Adams,	1806	Joseph Allen,	1813
Miranda Cleaveland,	1806	Thomas Prentiss,	1813
Polly Hamant,	1806	Mary Prentiss, Jr.,	1814
Mary Green,	1807	Daniel Chickering,	1814
Eleazar Smith,	1808	Rebecca Stearns,	1814
Thankful Dego,	1809	Hannah P. Questrom,	1814
Mary Green,	1809	Caroline Chickering,	1814
Hannah Fuller,	1809		

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH IN 1815, WITH DATE
OF THEIR ADMISSION.

Susannah Reed,	1776	Hannah Pepalo,	1810
Priscilla Mason,	1776	Chloe Harding,	1810
Abigail Clark,	1776	Hannah D. Smith,	1810
Sarah Allen,	1779	Sarah Herring,	1811
Joseph Cutler,	1779	Eda Richardson,	1811
Priscilla Boyden,	1783	Hannah French,	1811
Abraham Cummings,	1784	Betsey Colburn,	1811
Hannah Smith,	1790	Betsey Baker,	1811
Phebe Boyden,	1793	Abijah Fisher,	1811
Jemima Smith,	1802	Sarah Chenery,	1811
Hannah Clark,	1803	Mary Everett,	1811
Abigail Morse,	1805	Jabez Boyden,	1811
Sibyl Thompson,	1805	Warren Allen,	1811
Asa Smith,	1808	Mehitable Everett,	1811
Thirza Smith,	1808	Deborah Guy,	1812
Mercy Smith,	1808	Lucy Mason,	1812
Asenath Bailey,	1808	Mary Russell,	1812
Polly Fisher,	1809	Hannah Smith,	1812
Sibyl Clark,	1809	Mary Blake,	1812
Lois Richardson,	1809	Julia Everett,	1812
Lucy Colburn,	1809	Eda Richardson, 2d,	1812
Betsey Colburn,	1809	Cynthia Baker,	1813
Mary Morse,	1809	Sarah Smith,	1813
Catherine Morse,	1809	Cynthia Colburn,	1813
Benjamin Colburn,	1809	Lydia Newell,	1813
Amelia Needham,	1809	Elijah Jones,	1814
Chloe Rider,	1809	Hannah Little,	1814
Oliver Partridge,	1809	Jeremiah Smith,	1814
Catherine Partridge,	1809	James Noyes,	1814
Abigail Colburn,	1809	Joseph Ellis,	1815
Monica Baker,	1810	Sarah Fisher,	1815
Molly Ellis,	1810		

THE GREAT BLOW.

The year 1815 is remembered for the "great blow," which occurred in September. Dr. Sanders preserved the following account of it :—

A wonderful hurricane came on this day. The wind the previous night was high. A sensible increase was perceived at 10 A.M. It continued for many hours. Toward night, it became very calm. It began at north-east, and then shifted at its height to south. Its effects were tremendous. Corn was prostrated, the stoutest trees were eradicated, many chimneys fell, sheds were generally blown over, four barns were blown down in this town, many buildings injured, and immense damage sustained. The tide at Providence rose twelve feet higher than ever known before, ships drove into the streets, and the losses were estimated at \$1,500,000. The wind extended over New England with nearly equal violence. At New York, the wind was moderate and in a contrary direction. Its ravages did not extend far out at sea. In history, we read of a similar wind in 1635.

Every owner of a silver watch was this year obliged to pay a tax of one dollar. Furniture was also taxed.

1816. Selectmen, Jonathan Fiske, Seth Ellis, Jonathan Wight, Jr., Daniels Hamant, and Arnold Russell.

Daniel Adams, Representative.

A suit was brought by the town of Hubbardston against this town for the support of a pauper. Colonel Brastow went to Worcester to attend to the case. He charged the town \$1 a day for his time, and for his horse, thirty-two miles, \$1.82.

The year 1816 was long known as the cold season. The spring was extremely backward, and the frosts came very early in the autumn. On the nights of September 26-28, very severe frosts prevailed in the Northern States. "The mercury fell to 26°, almost every green thing was killed, ice formed one-fourth of an inch in thickness, and corn was almost wholly destroyed" (Sanders).

The taxes were collected this year for a compensation of two and a half per cent.

The church lot given by Mr. Frairy was sold to Artemas Woodward for \$637.

1817. Selectmen, William Clark, Moses B. Harding, Obed Allen, Seth Chenery, and Moses Richardson.

Daniel Adams, Representative.

A committee was chosen to see that the burying-ground was "cleared of bushes and bryers."

Voted, That the "History of New England" be kept in the town clerk's hands, and that he let it out at ten cents a month; also, that twelve cords of wood be provided for the Centre School, "if it can be obtained for \$3 a cord."

HISTORICAL SERMON.

Dr. Sanders prepared and delivered an historical sermon, the first attempt, so far as known, to collect the facts of our early local history.

"Sunday, October 5, at 11.45 A.M., there was an earthquake during public worship. It shook all New England, and extended beyond. It came from the north-west, and was mild and innoxious." (Sanders.)

The proprietors of common lands in Medfield and Medway closed up their business in 1817. There was then in the hands of their treasurer \$152.80, which was divided among the proprietors.

A milldam was built in the north part of the town, on the site now occupied by French's mill, by Joseph Draper. He also erected a fulling-mill there, and for several years carried on his business of clothier. The mill and privilege were afterward sold to Abner Mason.

1818. Selectmen, Obed Allen, William Peters, David Fairbanks, John W. Adams, and Samuel Johnson.

THE FIRST SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The children from both churches, to the number of 124, met at the Centre School-house. They came in procession at the hour of opening the school, after the morning service. Each church furnished its own teachers, and they occupied opposite sides of the school-room. This arrangement continued but one season. The next year, a school was formed

in each church. They were held only in the summer, however, as there was no provision for warming the meeting-houses.

Previous to this time, the children learned the Assembly's Catechism in the day schools. At certain stated times, all the pupils were gathered at the meeting-house on a Saturday afternoon, to be examined, or "catechized," as it was called, by the minister. The five selectmen were present, and occupied the deacons' seats on these occasions. When the Sunday-school commenced, it was conducted wholly by women: no men took any part in it. Mrs. Prentiss generally offered the opening prayer. The work of the classes was in committing portions of Scripture to memory and repeating them.

The first lesson
was Isaiah Iv.

Willard Onion was appointed postmaster. He kept the office in his store, a small, one-story building, which stood on the corner of Main and South Streets. Upon a post in this store, a few pieces of tape were tacked diagonally, into which the letters for delivery were stuck, so that those in expectation of missives could see for themselves.

Many persons yet living can remember that post, bristling with a dozen or two of letters.

1819. Selectmen, William Peters, John W. Adams, David Fairbanks, Nathan Wight, and Wales Plimpton.

Daniel Adams, Representative.

The subject of purchasing a house for the poor of the town was again discussed, but no favorable action resulted.

The building at the east corner of Main and Pleasant Streets was erected by M. B. Harding for a store, and was



ONION'S CORNER GROCERY.

occupied by Pharez Sawin. A store was kept there for several years by Sawin, Captain James Ware, David Cobb, and others. About the same time, David Fairbanks built the store opposite, on the corner of North Street.

1820. Selectmen, Nathan Wight, Wales Plimpton, Artemas Woodward, Jonathan Wight, and Elisha Clark, Daniel Adams, Representative.

Early in February, snow fell to the depth of thirty-six inches. Dr. Sanders, who made the memorandum, says, "Snow has not been so deep since 1780."

The Massachusetts Agricultural Society, in 1820, awarded a premium of \$8 to Johnson Mason for straw bonnets manufactured in Medfield.

Voted, To choose a sexton, whose duty it should be, when notified of a death, to make all the necessary arrangements for the interment.

Wales Plimpton was chosen.

Town granted \$50 for the instruction of youth and others in sacred music the ensuing winter. A committee of five was chosen to see that the money was properly expended.

A FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION.

Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm. A cannon was brought from Walpole, placed in the street in front of the hotel, and served by gunners from the Walpole Artillery. The military of Medfield (and all between eighteen and forty-five were obliged to serve in those days) paraded on the occasion, headed by the local musicians with fifes and drums.

In the morning, the committee of arrangements, the orator of the day, the clergy and town officials, gathered at the house of Dr. Sanders, whence they were escorted by the military to the meeting-house. The Declaration was read by John B. Derby, Esq. The oration was delivered by Silas P. Holbrook, Esq. At its conclusion, the company repaired to Samuel Johnson's tavern, where the town hall now stands, and "sat down to an excellent dinner."

THE TOASTS.

1. "Our Country :

"Breathes there the man, with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land?"

2. "The President of the United States : The source of his power is the love of the people."

3. "The Governor of Massachusetts: In war, valiant; in retirement, courteous and hospitable; in the administration of justice, impartial and just."

4. "Massachusetts : The first to assert her rights, the last to infringe the rights of others."

5. "Our National Appeals : To the point of honor, the point of the pen, and the point of the bayonet."

6. "The Army and Navy : In their garlands of victory, may humanity to the vanquished ever be the fairest flower."

7. "Agriculture, Manufactures, and Commerce : Like the rivers Ohio, Illinois, and Missouri, pouring their united streams in the mighty current of national wealth and grandeur."

8. "Our Independence : The fountain whose overflowing hath refreshed the earth."

9. "The Massachusetts Agricultural Society : Like the Nile, conveying fertility wherever its influence extends, and causing even the desert to blossom."

10. "The Last and Present House of Representatives : Well may they say, with the loquacious friend of the most patient Job : 'Behold, our bellies are as wine which hath no vent; they are ready to burst like new bottles. We will speak, that we may be refreshed.'"

By Daniel Adams, president of the day: "The next President of the United States : May he achieve his office, not by McDufie's valor or Russell's duplicity, but by New England merit and the free suffrages of the American people."

By Rev. Mr. Morey, of Walpole: "The Good Ship United States : Patriotism her pilot, prudence her helm."

By Dr. John E. Holbrook: "The Marquis Lafayette : The friend of America."

By the orator of the day: "The Citizens of Medfield : Correct in principle, consistent in practice."

By Judge Ware: "The Hon. John Q. Adams : He has honored his country, may his country honor him."

By John B. Derby, Esq. (after the clergy had retired): "The Reverend Clergy : May they allure to brighter worlds, and lead the way."

By the vice-president, Captain Felt: "This Glorious Anniversary : May it never be forgotten till the wheels of old time roll in eternity."

After each toast was given, the cannon, near at hand, was fired, then the musicians played, and the guests responded in glasses of wine. The frequent repetition of these ceremonies, during the long string of toasts, appears to have had an influence upon the spirits of the company; and some of the later sentiments (not quoted above) indicate the nature of that influence. The celebration was conducted in accordance with the manner of the times, however, and was considered creditable to the patriotism and public spirit of the citizens.

The question of the expediency of calling a convention for the revision of the State Constitution came before the voters: yeas, 14; nays, 45.

The population of the town in 1820 was 892.

Jonathan P. Bishop was appointed postmaster.

PUPILS OF THE CENTRE SCHOOL, FEB. 12, 1820.

Boys.

Fisher Allen.	Cyrus Chickering.	Samuel Johnson.
Ebenezer Balch.	Sanford Clark.	Charles Metcalf.
William Battelle.	Albert Cleaveland.	Joseph Peters.
Isaac Bigelow.	Horace Cleaveland.	Nathan Plimpton.
Jonathan Billings.	Caleb Ellis.	Daniel P. Russell.
Charles Bonney.	John Ellis.	Arnold Russell.
Joseph Bailey.	William Ellis.	Arnold Smith.
Martin Bailey.	David Fairbanks.	Edwin Smith.
Jonathan D. Breck.	Lovell Fairbanks.	Royal Smith.
Elias Breck.	Joseph Fairbanks.	Samuel Vialle.
James Breck.	Lewis Fairbanks.	Alfred Waterman.
John Bosworth.	William Forbes.	Thomas Waterman.
Nathaniel Bosworth.	William Gammell.	Jason Whitney.
Timothy Cheney.	Asa M. Gammell.	Charles Wight.
Joseph Cheney.	Nymphas Hatch.	
Theron Cheney.	Lyman Johnson.	

Girls.

Catherine Allen.	Mary D. Breck.	Drusilla Clark.
Lucia Adams.	Lucy Cheney.	Mary Ann Clark.
Sarah Bosworth.	Alma Cheney.	Catherine Clark.
Mary Bosworth.	Hannah Cheney.	Caroline Cleaveland.
Eliza Bush.	Hannah Clark.	Eliza Cleaveland.
Caroline Boyden.	Sophia Clark.	Martha Collins.

Catherine Dixon.	Sally Fisher.	Caroline Plympton.
Elinor Dixon.	Eliza Fuller.	Sarah Plympton.
Selma Dixon.	Mary Gammell.	Mary Russell.
Hannah Ellis.	Fanny Hartshorn.	Amy Smith.
Abigail Fairbanks.	Sarah A. Johnson.	Catherine Smith.
Jane Fairbanks.	Sally Mann.	Evalina Smith.
Mary Fairbanks.	Catherine Morse.	Olive Smith.
Lydia Fairbanks.	Mary Morse.	Fanny Stetson.
Ann Fisher.	Lucy Morse.	Emily Whitney.
Emeline Fisher.	Sarah Peters.	

1821. Selectmen, Nathaniel Kingsbury, Amos Wight, John W. Adams, Joseph Clark, and Seth Chenery.

Johnson Mason, Representative.

The school fund at this time amounted to \$4,015.45, the interest on which was \$231.87.

The amendments to the Constitution having been submitted to the people, the vote in this town showed ten of the fourteen approved by our citizens.

The weather during the early part of this year was exceptionally cold. April 17, snow fell fourteen inches deep on a level.

The *Village Register* of May 11, 1821, contains the following notice of the opening of a school at Academy Hall: —

ACADEMY FOR YOUNG LADIES.

MISS M. D. ADAMS

Proposes to commence a school for Young Ladies in Medfield, on the twenty-first day of May next.

TERMS PER QUARTER.

Reading, Writing, Spelling, Geography with Maps and Globes, Arithmetic, and plain sewing, \$3.50

English Grammar, Rhetorick and Composition, History, Drawing Maps, Drawing and Painting in water colors and chalks, Fancy Needle-work and Embroidery, including the above, \$4.50

To this was appended a recommendation of the teacher from Dr. Sanders.

The *Village Register* was printed at Dedham, and delivered to subscribers by a post rider, who went through the towns in this part of the county for the purpose.

1822. Selectmen, Johnson Mason, William Peters, Seth Chenery, Phinehas Allen, and Moses Richardson.

Hinsdale Fisher was chosen town clerk. He held the office eight years.

Town granted \$50 for a "singing-school."

This year, the Baptist meeting-house was enlarged to nearly twice its former capacity. It was still a plain building, however, without spire or cupola. The pulpit was placed at the west end, the entrance being at the east. There was one aisle running lengthwise through the centre, with a row of pews on each side, which were made so that all the people sat facing the pulpit. There were galleries around three sides, the semi-circular part opposite the pulpit being occupied by the singers. In the side galleries there was one row of pews next the wall, with benches in front of them. The pulpit was somewhat elevated, and was approached by a flight of eight or ten steps. The minister entered by a door at the head of these steps, and shut himself in during services.

A CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION.

On one of the Sabbaths, a collection was taken up in the Congregationalist church, amounting to \$26.55, for the benefit of a Mr. Parnell of Mendon, who, it is stated, had been burned out.

THE LOST RECORDS RECOVERED.

The records of the old church, commenced by Mr. Baxter, had been lost for many years. They were discovered in 1822, at Northfield, Mass., in the possession of Rev. Thomas Mason, and restored to the church by Dr. Sanders.

The house which had been built by Eliakim Allen upon the town's land on Frairy Street was sold for \$100 to John B. Derby. The money was added to the school fund. The house soon became the property of Elias H. Derby.

The Fourth of July oration was delivered by Silas P. Holbrook, Esq.

1823. Selectmen, Moses Richardson, Seth Ellis, Samuel Johnson, Jesse Ellis, and Jonathan Fiske.

William Felt, Representative.

A collection was taken up in the Congregationalist church for a Mr. Farrington, of Wrentham, who had been burned out. It amounted to \$26.05.

Rev. William Gammell resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church.

FREEMASONRY IN MEDFIELD.

William Felt and others petitioned for the establishment of a Masonic lodge in Medfield; and, September 16, "Cassia Lodge" was constituted. It continued till 1845, when it became extinct. The list of names of the original members was lost at the burning of the Masonic Temple, in Boston. The hall over the Centre School-house, formerly "Academy Hall," was fitted up as a lodge-room.

Charles Onion was appointed postmaster. He held the office nearly thirty years.

1824. Selectmen, William Peters, Jonathan Wight, Jr., John W. Adams, Arnold Russell, and John Ellis.

William Felt, Representative.

Total amount of the school fund at this date, \$4,215.61. The town granted \$50 to encourage sacred music.

Rev. Joseph Ballard commenced labor as pastor of the Baptist church and society.

The maple and ash trees on East Main Street were set out in 1824.

1825. Selectmen, John W. Adams, Obed Allen, John Ellis, Seth Ellis, and Wesley P. Balch.

Whole amount of the school fund, \$4,379.34.

Abner Mason collected taxes for two cents and six mills on the dollar.

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE BUNKER HILL MONUMENT.

The corner-stone of a monument on Bunker Hill having been laid by General Lafayette, June 17, 1825, subscriptions

toward its erection were made in all parts of the country. The Medfield subscribers were these : —

E. H. Derby, \$5.	Moses B. Harding, \$5.
John Ellis, \$5.	Charles Onion, \$5.
William Felt, \$10.	William Peters, \$5.
Samuel Johnson, \$5.	Nathan Wight, \$5.

1826. Selectmen, John W. Adams, Obed Allen, John Ellis, Wesley P. Balch, and Wales Plimpton.

William Felt, Representative.

Brastow's bridge, previously called "great bridge," was rebuilt. The wood-work was done by Lemuel Clark, of Medway, for \$73; the stone-work, by John Allen and Anthony W. Cleaveland, for \$165. Half the expense was paid by each town.

HEATING APPARATUS FOR THE CHURCHES.

This year, two new stoves were placed in the Congregational meeting-house, "with long Russia pipes," at a cost of \$100, which was raised by subscription. From the founding of the town to this date, no appliance for warming the meeting-house had been introduced. The new stoves were fired up for the first time December 24, and proved their usefulness at once, as that was one of the coldest days of the whole winter, so the old church record tells us.

The Baptist meeting-house was also provided about the same time with a large box stove which stood in the aisle directly in front of the pulpit. This had a "long Russia pipe" likewise. The making of these pipes was a task of great magnitude for Medfield mechanics, and was accomplished by John W. Adams, the work being done entirely by hand.

1827. Selectmen, Obed Allen, Wesley P. Balch, Seth Ellis, Charles Harding, and Samuel Johnson.

William Felt, Representative.

The total expenditures of the town this year were \$1,919.57.

PAUPERISM.

The following persons were supported as paupers : Nahum Baker, William Connelly, Joseph Adams, Magdalen Thebault, Thankful Baker, Asa Albee, Ruth Turner, Joshua Seaver, Priscilla Mason, George Turner, Lois Wight, and Bela Cleaveland and his children.

THE ORTHODOX CHURCH.

Two petitions were presented by members of the old church, asking to be dismissed from that body for the purpose of forming an Orthodox church. The old church being reluctant to grant them, a council was called, which reported favorably for the petitioners.

1828. Selectmen, Obed Allen, Seth Ellis, Wesley P. Balch, Samuel Johnson, and Charles Harding.

William Felt, Representative.

A proposition was made to purchase a piece of land four rods wide on the east side of the burying-ground for the purpose of enlarging the same. It was defeated.

September 15, the Hartford and Dedham corporation petitioned the county commissioners to lay out their road as a public highway, excepting a small portion from the corner of Main and Bridge Streets, to the intersection with the old post-road in East Medway.

CONSTITUENT MEMBERS OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH.

The Second, or Orthodox Congregational, Church was organized Feb. 6, 1828, with seventeen members :—

Moses Wight.	Susan F. Turner.
Artemas Woodward.	Esther Chenery.
Obed Fisher.	Esther Chenery, 2d.
Nathaniel Stearns.	Olive Mason.
Stephen Turner.	Mary Smith.
Elisha Clark.	Waitstill Smith.
Sarah Wight.	Martha Adams.
Mehitable Woodward.	Keziah Mason.
Mary Stearns.	

The new religious society was organized under the State laws, February 24. The first meetings were held in Mrs. Derby's parlor. Afterward, the society made use of a hall over the store on the corner of Main and North Streets. Among the ministers who preached to the new church were Rev. Dr. Codman of Dorchester, Dr. Lyman Beecher, and his son Edward Beecher. The ministers generally stayed over Sunday with Mrs. Prentiss.

A committee appointed by the centre district reported that it was expedient to divide the school.

NEW LIBRARY.

The second library in town was started in 1828. The stockholders paid \$4 a share. It was kept at the store, corner of North and Main Streets, and contained about one thousand volumes. Many of the books, however, were bought at auction in Boston, and were not of great value, it is said.

1829. Selectmen, William Felt, John W. Adams, Nathan Wight, George Newell, and Robert Roberts.

John W. Adams was chosen town clerk for one year.

The town clerk and treasurer had each about \$8 yearly for their services in these days.

Rev. Daniel C. Sanders resigned the pastoral charge of the Unitarian church and society.

Eliakim Morse commenced purchasing domestic straw braid and manufacturing it into bonnets, a business which he continued to carry on for several years.

"Frairy's bridge," over Stop River, on Noon Hill Street, was rebuilt. This is the last mention of that bridge by its original name in the records.

1830. Selectmen, Obed Allen, Moses B. Harding, Jesse Ellis, Samuel Johnson, and Abner Mason.

Rev. James A. Kendall became pastor of the Unitarian, and Rev. Moses Curtis of the Baptist church.

For the first time, a Dover man represented the two towns. Calvin Richards served three years, 1830-1832.

The population of the town in 1830 was 817. Number of polls, 171. Total valuation, \$259,933. Rate of taxation, \$5.40 on a thousand.

Horses were appraised according to their value this year, but other kinds of stock had a fixed valuation. A yoke of oxen, \$50; a cow, or three-year-old, \$10; yearling, \$5; swine, six months old, \$5; sheep, one year old, \$2. In making the taxes, the assessors first formed a reduced list, which was six per cent. of the true value. From this, the rate was determined, and each man's tax cast.

1831. Selectmen, Obed Allen, Moses B. Harding, Jesse Ellis, Samuel Johnson, and Abner Mason.

Noah A. Fisk, town clerk. He held the office two years.

The burying-ground was cleared up, it having again become overgrown with bushes.

The direction of Frairy Street near North was changed, and laid along the edge of the pond. It originally entered North Street several rods farther north.

Rev. Arthur Granger was installed as first pastor of the Orthodox church.

The South School-house was enlarged by the addition of six feet at the east end for an entry and wood-room. The whole building was newly covered, and new desks and seats made. The whole expense was \$325.

About this time, the Boston & Providence Railroad was contemplated ; and one survey was through this town, striking the north-west corner of the cemetery, greatly to the horror of the citizens. They had no serious cause for alarm, however.

1832. Selectmen, Obed Allen, Moses B. Harding, Jesse Ellis, Amos Thayer, and Enoch Bullard.

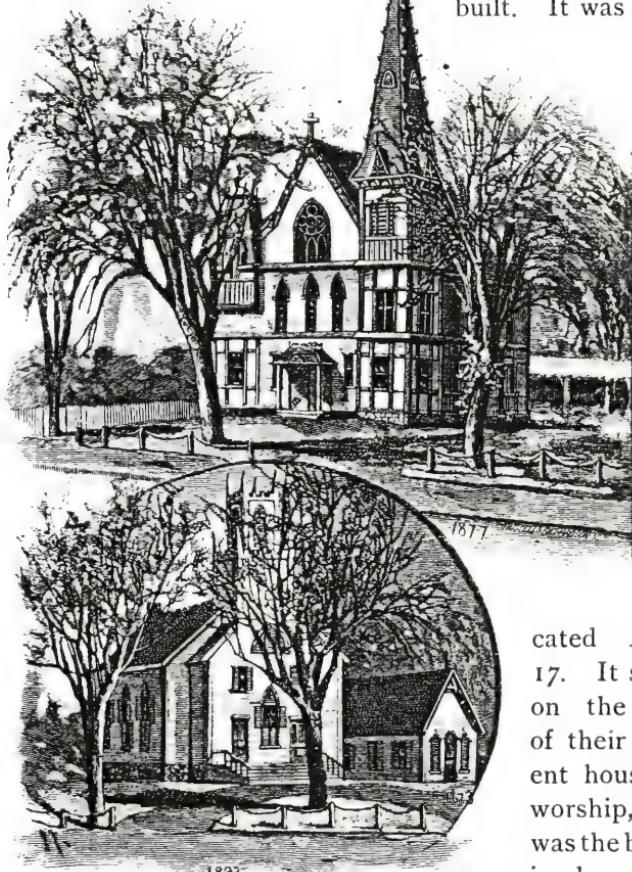
FIRE ENGINE.

The town appropriated \$100 for an engine house, but the vote was reconsidered at the next meeting. The first fire engine is said to have been presented to the town some

years earlier; and it was kept in a barn belonging to Mr. Woodward, which stood where the Orthodox parsonage now stands.

ORTHODOX MEETING-HOUSE.

The meeting-house of the Orthodox Society was built. It was dedi-



MEETING-HOUSES OF THE SECOND (ORTHODOX) CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY.

cated April 17. It stood on the site of their present house of worship, and was the building burned in 1876. As at first built, the

pulpit was at the front end between the entrances, and the singers' gallery at the rear. The pulpit and the gallery afterward exchanged places, and the pews were reversed.

Rev. Arthur Granger resigned his pastorate.

1833. Selectmen, Daniel C. Sanders, Seth Ellis, Elias H. Derby, John W. Adams, and Hinsdale Fisher.

Daniel C. Sanders, Representative.

Elias H. Derby was chosen town clerk, and held the office three years.

A committee of five was appointed to collect information respecting the best mode of supporting paupers.

Rev. Walter H. Bidwell was installed pastor of the Orthodox church.

The hotel stable, which stood opposite the present town hall, was burned in the night-time, together with eighteen horses and other property. Samuel Grant was convicted of incendiarism, and served a term of six years in the State prison therefor.

1834. Selectmen, Daniel C. Sanders, Amos Thayer, Elias H. Derby, John W. Adams, and Hinsdale Fisher.

Daniel C. Sanders, Representative.

Abner Mason served as collector and treasurer for the town, and received \$25 for his services.

\$100 was granted to build an engine house; the building is still standing, near the Unitarian church.

Rev. Horatio N. Loring was settled as pastor of the Baptist church.

1835. Selectmen, Daniel C. Sanders, Seth Ellis, Amos Mason, Jesse Ellis, and Jonathan Wight, Jr.

Daniel C. Sanders, Representative.

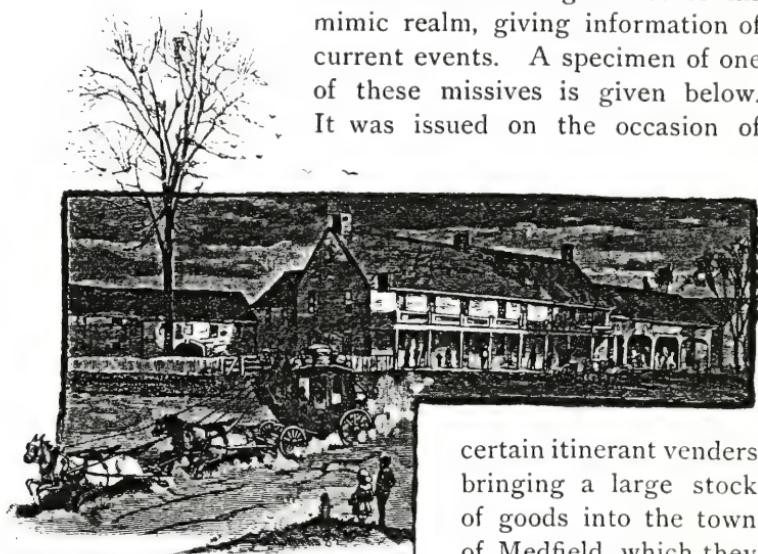
Voted, That the old engine be repaired at the expense of the town, and that the selectmen locate and superintend the building of the engine house.

James Clark succeeded Samuel Johnson as keeper of the hotel in the centre of the village.

A proposition to lay out the turnpike as a county road was made to the town by the commissioners.

In these years, a curious custom prevailed here of applying to sundry persons in the village lofty titles and celebrated names. Thus, Mr. Onion, the postmaster, was *Em-*

peror. Mr. Clark, the portly tavern keeper, was *Alderman*. Others rejoiced in such titles as *Pope*, *Count*, *Marshal Ney*, *Marshal Marmont*, etc. One member of the circle, having gone out in a large tub to gather floating cranberries, capsized, and thereby gained the title of *Admiral*. The "Emperor" frequently issued orders to his subordinates in the grandiloquent style of the first Napoleon. He also communicated with the dignitaries of his mimic realm, giving information of current events. A specimen of one of these missives is given below. It was issued on the occasion of



JAMES CLARK'S TAVERN.

certain itinerant venders bringing a large stock of goods into the town of Medfield, which they were offering to the villagers both at private

sale and at auction, apparently somewhat to the disgust of Mr. Onion and the other storekeepers of the place. They sojourned during their stay at James Clark's tavern.

HEAD-QUARTERS, September 14.

Sire,— It has fallen to our allotment to behold our hitherto peaceful community in a state of complete anarchy and contention, occasioned by the influx of pedlers. The invading forces from Foxboro and other places encamped with Alderman Clark, who immediately engaged in their service with his usual ardor.

The affairs of the day were conducted with much order and regularity until about 5 o'clock P.M. Then the invading forces, finding they were losing ground, withdrew for the night, giving notice of their intention to resume business in the morning at private sales. Consequently,

the Hotel was transformed into a peddling shop. What a degrading scene to witness in our once splendid Tuileries! Yesterday ended; but this morning I was up early, walking in the street, watching the splendor of the sun of Austerlitz, when my attention was attracted to the palace above named to view the appearance of Alderman Clark, one of the *bellygerents*, pointing to a splendid sign-board on his chimney top, and raving in a furious manner to Johnson and others, which drew me to the front. I looked up, and read, in large, well-painted letters,

PEDLERS' HOME. KEPT BY J. CLARK,

on which the worthy Alderman was declaiming.

This war is now not to be avoided. A declaration and manifesto are issued; and eternal wrath threatened on all concerned in erecting the banner, particularly J. H. B. and C. F. Your humble servant is in for his usual share of condemnation and suspicion of projection. We are all now under arms, and are negotiating for the former usual libation to be handed over on raising a sign. All such reasonable demands are, however, treated with contempt. I regret much that you are absent: trust you will hasten home speedily, your services are wanted. Have sent express for W. Janes, as we must carry the garrison by *storm* to correspond with its defence. I am in haste, the stage is at the door.

Yours in haste,

EMPEROR.

To Marshal LE BRUN.

1836. Selectmen, Daniel C. Sanders, Seth Ellis, Jonathan Wight, Jr., and Amos Mason.

Daniel C. Sanders, Representative.

James H. Boyden was town clerk for two years.

Voted, That the assessors require every person liable to taxation to give in the list of his personal estate under oath.

The centre district hired the Masonic Hall over the school-house as a school-room for younger pupils.

Rev. Walter Bidwell closed his connection with the Orthodox Society.

Medfield and Dover were separated in representation after this date.

The first movement for a railroad from Woonsocket to Boston was made in 1836. The route proposed at first was from Woonsocket to Charles River, near Medway Village; thence down the Charles River valley to Medfield, thence through West Dedham to the branch road at Dedham. A

preliminary survey was made through this town in the fall of 1836, but nothing further was done till eight years afterward. At that time, a competing route through Franklin, Norfolk, and Walpole was surveyed. Other routes were subsequently proposed, until *ten* distinct petitions came before the Legislature of 1846. A little later, a united petition, signed by representative men of all the towns from Newton to Woonsocket, was presented to the Legislature for what was termed the "Pettee route" from Brookline to Woonsocket. The Medfield signers of the petition were Joseph Miller, Charles Harding, Isaac Fiske, and Samuel Johnson. This petition was unsuccessful; and the committee of the Legislature reported in favor of the "Norfolk County" route from Dedham through Walpole, Franklin, and other towns to Blackstone. One member only of that committee dissented, and favored what was called the "Perkins route," from Dedham through Medfield, striking southward of the village near what is known as Powder-house Hill, thence through Rockville and Medway to Woonsocket.

1837. Selectmen, Daniels Hamant, Jr., Obed Allen, Nathan Wight, Moses Richardson, and George M. Smith.

PURCHASE OF THE POOR-FARM.

The farm of Mr. George Newell was purchased for the use of the poor, at a cost of \$3,100.

An old road was discontinued from the house of W. Q. Fisher to the Castle Hill-road.

The interest on the school fund amounted to \$216.40. School money from the State, \$44.98.

Voted, To receive the proportion of the surplus revenue then in the State treasury, and to appropriate it toward paying for the poor-farm.

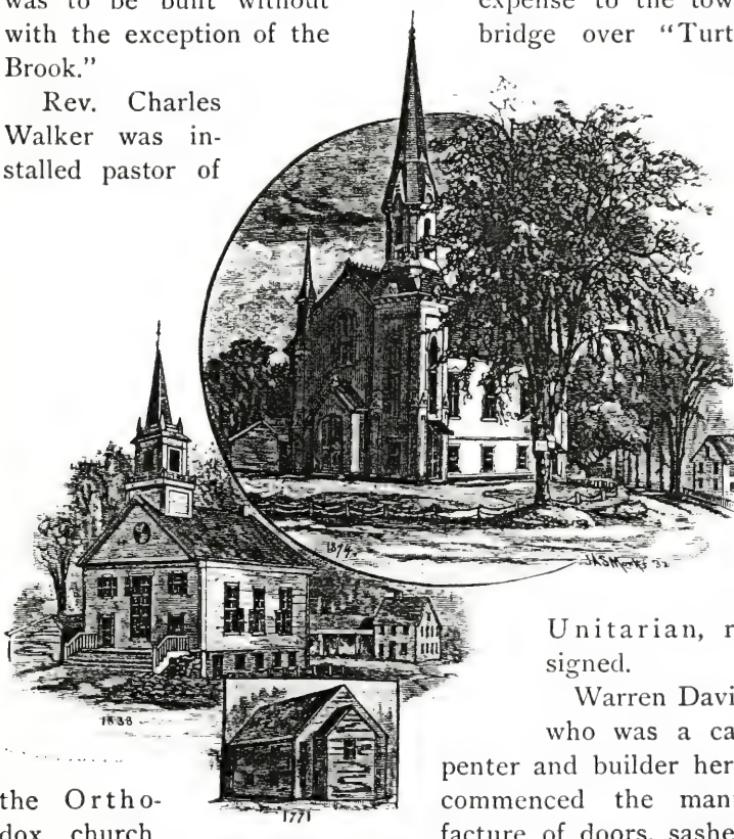
The money referred to in this vote is the forty millions that had accumulated in the treasury of the general government after the national debt was paid, in the last year of Jackson's administration, and which was divided among the States. Medfield drew \$1,763.

The commissioners laid out the Dedham and Hartford

turnpike as a county way. Medfield's proportion of the expense was \$30.

Road from near the brick school-house to Dingle Dell was laid out, the easterly end of what is now West Street. It was to be built without expense to the town, with the exception of the bridge over "Turtle Brook."

Rev. Charles Walker was installed pastor of



the Orthodox church.
Rev. James A. Kendall,
he rented of Cyrus Stedman. After Mr. Davis removed from town, the business was continued by Willard Battelle, by Mr. Stedman, and by J. R. Cushman, he carrying it on in connection with his carriage work till about 1850.

1838. Selectmen, Nathan Wight, Daniels Hamant, Jr., Jonathan P. Bishop, George M. Smith, and Joseph Hartshorn.

Unitarian, resigned.

Warren Davis, who was a carpenter and builder here, commenced the manufacture of doors, sashes, and blinds at the mill on Frairy Street, which

Charles Onion was chosen town clerk, and continued two years.

A discount of six per cent. was made on all taxes paid on or before November 20, and three per cent. on those paid on or before February 20.

Guide-boards were ordered at the corner of High and Plain Streets, South and Philip Streets, at the corner of the old turnpike and Main Street, and at the brick school-house, corner of North and Railroad Streets.

NEW BAPTIST MEETING-HOUSE.

The old Baptist meeting-house, built in 1772 and enlarged in 1822, was sold; and a new house of worship was built on the corner of Main and South Streets. It was surmounted by a low spire, and furnished with a bell. The body of the house forms the central portion of the present building. Jonathan Gleason was the contractor.

Rev. Daniel W. Phillips was ordained pastor of the church on the same day that the new meeting-house was dedicated, October 3.

Rev. John Ballard became acting pastor of the Orthodox church.

In the latter part of 1838, Henry Partridge bought the old nail factory, together with the grist mill on the Dedham road, and fitted them up for the manufacture of hay forks and similar goods, which he continued for several years. His manufactures had a wide reputation for excellence.

1839. Selectmen, Moses Richardson, Wesley P. Balch, Hinsdale Fisher, Orion Wight, and John Ellis.

William Peters, Representative.

The old meeting-house of the First Parish, built in 1789, was completely remodelled. It was turned around so as to front the south instead of the east; the interior was modernized; a spire, about ninety feet in height, was erected in place of the old cupola; and a half-underground vestry was built. The "Unitarian vestry" was the place for holding town-meetings and the ordinary public gatherings, concerts, and entertainments, for the next thirty years.

Rev. Charles Robinson was installed as the Unitarian pastor.

The town endeavored to encourage the cultivation of wheat, by offering a bounty of \$15.

Voted, That town-meeting warrants be posted hereafter on the Centre School-house.

THE PUTNAM GREYS.

An independent military company was organized April 20, called the "Putnam Greys."

<i>Captain.</i>	<i>Lieutenant.</i>
Francis D. Ellis.	Isaac Fiske.
<i>Ensign.</i>	
John E. Bullard.	
<i>Sergeants.</i>	
Daniel Adams, Jr.	William P. Hewins.
Moses H. Johnson.	William F. Richards.
<i>Corporals.</i>	
Nathan Harding.	Alfred Wallace.
Henry P. Bruce.	James M. Chenery.
<i>Musicians.</i>	
Titus Smith.	Jeremiah R. Smith.
<i>Privates.</i>	
George F. Adams.	Henry Harding.
Lowell Adams.	George W. Hayward.
Jeremiah D. Ambler.	John Kingsbury.
Joseph H. Baker.	William Kingsbury.
Wesley P. Balch, Jr.	Charles Plimpton.
Joseph Barney.	Augustus Remick.
John Battelle.	Robert Roberts.
William H. Bullard.	Amos W. Shumway.
Nathaniel H. Cheney.	James H. Shaw.
Joseph Clark.	John W. Shumway.
Thomas S. Clark.	Charles Slocomb.
Thomas McDermott.	Walter D. Stow.
Samuel Ellis.	George M. Smith.
James A. Fairbanks.	Seth E. Williams.
John L. Fuller.	William D. Rowe.
Jonathan E. Gleason.	Horatio S. Howard.
Daniel D. Hamant.	Cyrus Stedman.

The "Greys" figured as the crack military company of this section for several years. The uniform consisted of

gray coats, white pants, black caps, with brass vizors and white ostrich plumes. The company continued in existence till 1848. Isaac Fiske, Moses H. Johnson, John Battelle, and Amos W. Shumway were successively elected captains.

1840. Selectmen, Moses Richardson, Wesley P. Balch, Hinsdale Fisher, Orion Wight, and John Ellis.

Isaac Fiske was chosen town clerk, and served fourteen years.

The whole amount of taxable property in town was \$304,726. Rate of taxation, \$6.80 on a thousand.

The town hired the Unitarian vestry for town-meetings for a series of years, at \$50 a year, including the use of a small room adjoining, which was occupied as an armory by the "Putnam Greys."

FOURTH OF JULY.

Independence Day was duly celebrated this year. Addresses were delivered by Judge Leland and John A. Bolles, the Declaration being read by Daniel Adams, Jr. These exercises took place in an orchard, near the spot now occupied by the straw works. There was also a political gathering on the same day, under the management of the Democratic party. This was held in a large tent on a vacant lot, opposite where the school-house now stands, on Pleasant Street.

The population of Medfield in 1840 was 883.

1841. Selectmen, Moses Richardson, Wesley P. Balch, Hinsdale Fisher, Orion Wight, and John Ellis.

Daniel Adams was Representative.

The taxes were collected this year for one and three-fourths per cent. The actual expense of supporting paupers for one year was \$230.36 over and above the interest on capital invested and depreciation of property. About \$5,000 had been invested in the establishment.

Rev. Moses G. Grosvenor commenced supplying the pulpit of the Orthodox church.

1842. Selectmen, Moses Richardson, Wesley P. Balch, Hinsdale Fisher, Orion Wight, and John Ellis.

A committee was chosen to ascertain if there had been any encroachments upon the town's land near the meeting-house of the First Parish. They reported encroachments of a few feet on both sides, between the meeting-house and Main Street. The line established in 1768 was discovered by digging down on the easterly corner of Main and North Streets to the stump of an elm that anciently stood there. At this spot, a stone was placed, and covered with earth.

The total amount of the school fund was \$4,410.50.

Rev. Thomas T. Richmond was installed pastor of the Orthodox church.

1843. Selectmen, Obed Allen, Seth Chenery, Caleb S. Hamant, John F. Newell, and Simeon Richardson.

Johnson Mason, Representative.

CEMETERY IMPROVEMENT.

A committee was chosen to consider the expediency of laying out a new cemetery or enlarging the old. In accordance with their report, the town voted to purchase two acres on the north and east sides of the old ground, at an expense of \$100. This new ground was laid out into one hundred lots, which were sold at the uniform price of one dollar each; but opportunity was given to bid for choice at public auction. The money so received was taken to pay for land bought, and to make the necessary improvements. The faced wall next the street was built, the walks and driveways were laid out, and evergreen trees planted.

1844. Selectmen, Obed Allen, Seth Chenery, Caleb S. Hamant, John F. Newell, and Simeon Richardson.

Hinsdale Fisher, Representative.

The selectmen were authorized to build a receiving-tomb in the cemetery.

THE MEADOWS FLOODED.

The town voted to commence a suit against Messrs. A. C.

& W. Curtis, for damages in flowing the meadow land by their dam at Natick.

THE HALL PURCHASED BY THE CENTRE DISTRICT.

The centre district bought the forty shares in the Masonic Hall for \$5 a share. It was then proposed to move the school-house to a lot on "Zion's Lane"; but the district voted to repair the house above and below, and let it remain on the old spot. At the request of several citizens, however, who contributed \$25 for the purpose, it was moved back a few feet, so as to conform more nearly to the original street line. The whole amount expended on the building at this time was \$1,158.60. The old hall in the upper story was fitted up as a school-room for the older classes, leaving the lower room for the smaller children. The two entrances were protected by a portico.

1845. Selectmen, Noah Allen, Joseph Miller, Jonathan Wight, Jr., Charles Hamant, and Joel Baker.

The commissioners laid out a road from the mills in the east part of the town to a point on Elm Street near Walpole line, nearly along the old unused way once laid out in that direction, now the southerly end of Philip Street.

The financial reports for this year were the first that were printed and distributed among the families. From a copy of this report, we gather the following:—

Total receipts of the treasurer were \$2,038.92.

Of this sum, \$28.78 was school money, and \$210 was militia money, received from the State treasurer.

The payments by the treasurer amounted to \$1,821.96, and liabilities to \$1,378.47. The amount paid and still due for schools, including repairs, amounted to \$1,147.47. The resources for paying the liabilities were \$1,034.96. Among the payments are: \$210 for bounty to officers and soldiers of "Putnam Greys"; use of Masonic Hall three years, \$40; use of Unitarian vestry, \$40; for the hearse-house, \$132.42; for gates to burying-ground, \$50.

STRAW WORKS.

A straw shop was built by Warren Chenery on the spot now occupied as a residence by Edmund L. Chenery. The business increasing, it was soon after enlarged to twice its original size.

A new hearse-house was built by the town this year.

1846. Selectmen, Hinsdale Fisher, Joseph Miller, Daniel D. Hamant, Jesse Ellis, and Jacob R. Cushman.

Henry Partridge, Representative.

Total appropriations of the town, \$1,900.

Green Street was widened and straightened.

The burying-ground committee was instructed to set up and arrange the stones, many of which had fallen down, and make such other improvements as were necessary in the old part of the burying-ground.

A new hearse was purchased of J. R. Cushman for \$116.75. The old one was sold for \$4.

1847. Selectmen, Caleb S. Hamant, Obed Allen, and Daniel C. Sanders,—the town having voted that there should be but three selectmen. From the settlement of the town until now, the board had consisted of five members.

Charles C. Sewall, Representative.

A road was laid out from Main Street to Frairy Street, now called Short Street.

The cemetery committee was authorized to lay out lots in the old as well as in the new part of the grounds.

SHIRE TOWN.

Voted to petition for the removal of the shire town of the county from Dedham, and that two half-shire towns be made,— Roxbury and Medfield.

Voted, To abate Robert Roberts' taxes to the former basis, and that the expense of distraining and selling his property be repaid him.

The assessors had laid a tax upon a large amount of property, which Mr. Roberts could not come into absolute possession of, but from which he only received income.

1848. Selectmen, Charles Hamant, Hinsdale Fisher, and Samuel Johnson.

Jonathan P. Bishop, Representative.

Pleasant Street was laid out as a town way. A private way leading from Main Street had existed for several years, which was called, in common parlance, "Zion's Lane."

A new set of standard weights and measures was procured for the town.

A proposition was made to build a town house, but the voters summarily dismissed it.

1849. Selectmen, Charles Hamant, Samuel Johnson, and Benjamin F. Shumway.

The old brick school-house at the corner of North and Railroad Streets was taken away; and a new school-house was erected in the north district, at the present corner of North and School Streets, and two schools were established there.

Town-meeting warrants were directed to be posted on the elm-tree "near the public well," and a frame to hold the same was ordered.

The printed report of the officers of the town playfully designates the postmaster thus, in a bill which had been paid for the town: "Emperor, for Postage, \$1.53." This was the familiar title of Mr. Onion, so much more common in the mouths of men than his real name that it seems to have slipped off the writer's pen naturally.

THE RECORDS.

A duplicate copy of the ancient record of births, marriages, and deaths was made by order of the town, which embraces the period from 1651 to 1820.

Near the close of this year, Rev. D. W. Phillips resigned as pastor of the Baptist church, removing, soon after, to South Reading, now Wakefield.

CHARLES RIVER BRANCH RAILROAD.

The original petition for a railroad from Brookline to Woonsocket having been rejected, and its successful com-

petitor, the Norfolk County Road, being chartered and now in process of construction, Mr. Pettee presented a petition for a branch road from Brookline to Dover, which was granted; and it was named the "Charles River Branch Railroad." Two years afterward, its charter was extended from Dover through Medway to a point in Bellingham, and it was called the "Charles River Railroad."

1850. Selectmen, Noah Allen, Daniel D. Hamant, and George Davis.

Total appropriations of the town, \$2,000.

Voted, To purchase a safe for the town's use, at a cost not exceeding \$150.

The road leading to Wrentham was straightened, and the stone bridge over Stop River built by Nathaniel Fairbanks.

An exciting contest of two days' duration took place in November, over the choice of a Representative. Four ballottings each day resulted in no choice. A second meeting was called for the purpose, at which an election was made.

The population of Medfield in 1850 was 966. The valuation was \$463,414. Rate of taxation, \$5.70 on a thousand.

1851. Selectmen, Jonathan P. Bishop, William Q. Fisher, and Daniels Hamant, Jr.

Jonathan P. Bishop, Representative.

School Street was laid out, and Orchard Street was widened.

WALLING'S TOWN MAP.

The town voted to purchase four hundred copies of the map of Medfield by H. F. Walling. The expense was \$212.75.

Rev. George G. Fairbanks was ordained pastor of the Baptist church.

BOOT MANUFACTURE.

A company was organized for the manufacture of boots, and Paul Jillson was employed as the company's agent. The business was not successful; and, after a few years, it was relinquished.

About 1851-52, Walter Janes directed his attention to the straw manufacturing business. He hired the hall in the old tavern ; and, taking work from a manufacturer in Franklin, he employed thirty girls in sewing braid into hats and bonnets, under the oversight of his sister, Mrs. W. D. Rowe, while he went himself into the shop at Franklin to learn the details of the business. Soon after this, he commenced for himself in Medfield; Mr. Green, of Franklin, and others, furnishing stock to be manufactured.

1852. Selectmen, Robert Roberts, Daniels Hamant, Jr., and William Q. Fisher.

CHARLES RIVER RAILROAD.

The town voted that the directors of the Charles River Railroad Company have permission to locate their road over any of the town lands, free of expense.

James Whitney was appointed postmaster. He held the office from October till the following August ; and it was kept in his store, which was in a part of the old tavern building, on the site of the present town hall.

THE CARRIAGE MANUFACTURE.

The manufacture of carriages had been commenced in a small way by Jacob R. Cushman, about 1835. At first, he did all his work with his own hands, but enlarged the business gradually, and employed apprentices and journeymen. In those years, barter was more common in trade than now ; and, with lumber which he took in exchange for carriages, he built some dozen or more small houses in the village, which were sold to persons of moderate means. In 1852, he entered into partnership with J. H. Baker ; and the manufacture was conducted under the name of Cushman & Baker until Mr. Cushman's retirement from active business.

1853. Selectmen, Charles C. Sewall, Moses B. H. Bishop, and Cyrus Stedman.

A new Hunneman fire engine was purchased for the use of the town, at an expense of \$600; and an engine company was formed.

Walter Janes was appointed postmaster. The office was moved to the store of Isaac Fiske, corner of North Street. The same year, Mr. Janes commenced the manufacture of straw goods in the old house built by Parson Townsend about 1745, which had been used as a dwelling-house by his family, and subsequently by Rev. Charles Robinson, and which stood on North Street, nearly opposite the Unitarian church.

Rev. Rushton D. Burr was ordained over the Unitarian Society.

The "Charles River Railroad" being completed as far as Needham, a line of stages was established between that point and Medfield; and Boston passengers henceforth took their way to the city over the Dover hills. This continued for several years.

1854. Selectmen, Charles C. Sewall, Moses B. H. Bishop, and Cyrus Stedman.

Charles C. Sewall, Representative. Mr. Sewall was also chosen town clerk.

Valuation of the town, \$504,325.

A new engine house was built, at a cost of \$600. It stood on North Street, near what is now the corner of Janes Avenue. It had a room for the meetings of the company in the second story.

A board of health was chosen for the first time. It consisted of the selectmen and the physicians of the town.

The members of the engine company had the amount of their poll tax (\$1.50) remitted.

FIREMEN OF 1854.

Joseph H. Baker.	Moses Daniels.
Hinsdale F. Bullard.	Nathan Fisher.
John E. Bullard.	Isaac Fiske.
Nathaniel H. Cheney.	William M. Gilmore.
Joseph Clark.	William M. Grant.

Robert Green.	Eliakim Morse.
Moses Hartshorn.	Henry O. Noyes.
William P. Hewins.	H. P. Slocum.
Moses H. Johnson.	William M. Smith.
Ralph Johnson.	George E. Wade.
Samuel Johnson.	Alfred Wallace.
Amos E. Mason.	Hamlet Wight.
Henry B. Metcalf.	Henry F. Wight.

1855. Selectmen, Charles C. Sewall, George M. Smith, and Benjamin F. Shumway.

Isaac Fiske, Representative.

The formation of the town of Norfolk was agitated, and it was proposed to take a slice from the southerly part of Medfield. The town voted to oppose the petition; and, when the new town was formed, our southerly line was not disturbed.

A new road to Walpole plain was laid out, the southerly part of Plain Street.

A committee, which had been chosen to consider the school system, reported in favor of abolishing the school districts. The report was rejected.

Rev. Andrew Bigelow was installed pastor of the Orthodox Congregationalist church.

A new school-house was built in the south district. The school-house lot was enlarged, and the new building was erected a few rods south of the spot where the old one stood. The cost of the building was \$1,400. The old one was removed to an adjoining homestead, where it is still in use.

HISTORY OF THE TOWN.

A committee of five was chosen to cause the history of the town of Medfield to be prepared and printed. No report of that committee is on record; but, as a result of this movement, a few pages of historical matter were appended to the town reports.

NAMING THE STREETS.

A proposition was made that the various streets in the town be named. Among the reasons urged, the most prom-

inent was the convenience of bounding lands in conveyances. The whole matter was referred to the selectmen, who proceeded to assign the names to the streets, substantially as at present used.

STREETS OF MEDFIELD (1886).

ADAMS AVENUE.— From Cottage Street to West Mill Street.

BRIDGE STREET.— From Main Street, near the meadows, to Brastow's Bridge.

CANAL STREET.— From Death's Bridge to Railroad Street.

CAUSEWAY STREET.— From Main Street, opposite the cemetery, to Orchard Street, including the "long causeway," and crossing the western slope of Noon Hill.

CEDAR HILL STREET.— From Main Street, near Cedar Hill, to Dover line, being a part of the old turnpike.

COTTAGE STREET.— From North Street to Frairy Street.

CROSS STREET.— From Elm Street to Philip Street, near Mt. Nebo.

CURVE STREET.— From South Street to Spring Street, near the grist mill of Mr. Kingsbury.

DALE STREET.— From North Street to Bridge Street.

DWIGHT STREET.— From Dwight's Bridge to Causeway Street.

ELM STREET.— From South Street, near the railroad crossing, to Walpole line, over Mill Brook.

FARM STREET.— From North Street, near Castle Hill, to Dover line, toward Farm Bridge.

FOREST STREET.— From High Street to Granite Street.

FOUNDRY STREET.— From Philip Street, near the mills, eastward to Walpole line, there terminating.

FRAIRY STREET.— From North Street, near the centre of the village, westward to Dale Street.

GRANITE STREET.— From High Street, one-fourth of a mile from the South School-house, to the town line near "Walpole plain."

GREEN STREET.— From North Street, near the centre of the town, eastward.

HIGH STREET.— From South Street, at the school-house, to the town line, the principal way leading to Walpole.

JANES AVENUE.— From North Street, near the Unitarian church.

MAIN STREET.— From the Turnpike Bridge, through the centre of the village, eastward to Dover and Walpole line, the principal way leading to Dedham.

Mt. NEBO STREET.— From Main Street, at a point a mile east of the village, to Foundry Street.

NOON HILL STREET.— From South Street, crossing Stop River and the north-east side of Noon Hill, to Causeway Street.

NORTH STREET.— From Main Street, at the centre of the village, northward to Dover line.

OAK STREET.— From Park Street, crossing Pleasant Street, to South Street.

ORCHARD STREET.— From the Upper Bridge over Charles River to Norfolk line.

PARK STREET.— From Main Street, east of the railroad, southward to Oak Street.

PHILIP STREET.— From South Street, around the southerly side of Mt. Nebo, to the mills, and thence to Elm Street.

PINE STREET.— From North Street, at a point half a mile north of the centre of the town, north-eastward to Dover line.

PLAIN STREET.— From High Street, one-fourth of a mile from Walpole line, southward toward "Walpole plain."

PLEASANT STREET.— From Main Street, at the centre of the town, southward.

POUND STREET.— From South Street, near the centre of the town, eastward to Main Street.

RAILROAD STREET.— From North Street, at a point three-fourths of a mile from the centre of the town, to Dover line.

ROCKY LANE STREET.— From South Street, near Noon Hill, eastward to Granite Street.

SCHOOL STREET.— From North Street, at the school-house, to Railroad Street.

SHORT STREET.— From Main Street to Frairy Street.

SOUTH STREET.— From Main Street, at the centre of the town, southward to Norfolk line.

SPRING STREET.— From Main Street, west of the railroad, southerly to South Street, near the school-house, passing "Boiling Spring."

SUMMER STREET.— From Green Street to Pine Street.

WEST STREET.— From Bridge Street, near Brastow's Bridge, through "Dingle Dell" to Railroad Street, near its junction with North Street.

WEST MILL STREET.— From Railroad Street, near the station, through Dingle Dell to Dale Street.

WINTER STREET.— From North Street to Pine Street.

1856. Selectmen, Benjamin F. Shumway, George Fiske, and John A. Turner.

OLD TOWN ROADS DISCONTINUED.

1. From house of Ellis Allen, over Castle Hill.
2. From John Grant's (Dingle Dell) to Bridge Street, near John F.

Newell's. 3. Road running southward from Pine Street to Green Street. 4. The old road crossing Stop River toward Wrentham, east of the new one. 5. Road from Noon Hill Street, near the saw-mill, running southward over the hill. 6. Road south of Noon Hill from near Stop River bridge. 7. Road near the Baxter pasture, from Granite Street southward. 8. Road called "Sam Chickering's meeting-house road," from near Stow's to the foot of Cedar Hill.

Valuation of the town, \$571,908.

The town-meetings were held in vestry of the Orthodox church this year, as for eight or ten years subsequently.

Rev. James W. Lathrop was installed pastor of the Baptist church.

1857. Selectmen, Benjamin F. Shumway, George Fiske, John A. Turner.

The fourteenth Norfolk representative district was established, comprising Medfield, Needham, and Dover.

The people of the centre school district proposed that the town unite with them in building a new school-house in the village, with a public hall over the same. The town voted in the negative.

Rev. Solon W. Bush was installed over the Unitarian church and society.

Warren Chenery & Son erected a large straw factory three stories in height. The building was burned in 1879, and the site is now occupied by the Baptist parsonage.

The old powder-house, built just before the Revolutionary War, was sold in 1857 for \$1.

Cushman & Baker erected a carriage factory on the site of the old mill, formerly owned by Artemas Woodward and by Cyrus Stedman, Frairy Street.

1858. Selectmen, Charles Hamant, Orion Wight, and Joseph Miller.

Samuel Ellis was chosen town clerk. He held the office several years.

BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN.

The town adopted the following code of by-laws :—

FINANCIAL CONCERNS OF THE TOWN.

1. The financial year shall begin on the twenty-first day of February, and end on the twentieth. And it shall be observed in all cases and by all persons in making and settling contracts for the town.

2. No bills of any kind shall be paid by the town treasurer, unless the same shall have been approved by the selectmen, or by some committee duly authorized by vote of the town to contract therefor.

TOWN-MEETINGS.

Warrants for town-meetings shall be drawn at least fourteen days, and an attested copy thereof posted in the usual place at least ten days before the time of holding the meeting specified therein, except in cases of order of notice from the Legislature or other bodies, where, in the judgment of the selectmen, a shorter notice is expedient.

TAXES.

1. All taxes shall be assessed in the month of May in each year, and committed to the collector as soon as the assessment is completed.

2. The taxes of all persons upon whom a poll tax only is assessed shall be paid on or before the first day of July in each year. All other taxes shall be paid on or before the first day of December in each year.

3. In all cases when tax bills are not paid at the time specified in the second section, six per cent. interest shall be charged on the same from the day they respectively became due until paid.

4. All tax bills remaining unpaid on the first day of April in each year, it shall be the duty of the collector forthwith to issue a summons to each delinquent; and, if such delinquent do not pay the amount of his tax within ten days after the issuing of the summons, with twenty cents more for the summons, the collector shall forthwith proceed to collect the amount due in manner provided by law.

ENGINE COMPANY.

1. There shall be an engine company which shall have not exceeding forty-five members, including officers,—such members to be appointed by and to be removable at the pleasure of the selectmen; and no person who is less than twenty years of age shall be appointed, or for a less time than one year.

2. The company shall have a foreman and two assistant foremen and a clerk, who shall all be chosen by the company annually at a meeting to be held in May.

3. It shall be the duty of the foreman to see that the engine and apparatus and engine house are all kept neat, clean, and in order for imme-

diate use, and to preserve order and discipline at all times in the company.

4. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a record of the names of all the officers and members of the company, specifying the times of appointment, discharge, and the absence of each person from all fires in this town, and from the monthly meetings provided for in the fifth section, this book to be always subject to the inspection of the selectmen and fire-wards.

5. The company shall perform all the duties by law required to be performed by engine men, and shall use their utmost endeavors in as orderly and quiet a manner as possible to extinguish all fires that may break out in this town; and once a month the company shall meet for the purpose of examining the condition of the engine and apparatus and see that the same is in good repair and ready for use.

6. The officers and members shall receive annually from the town the amount assessed as a poll tax for State, county, or town purposes, or for either.

HIGHWAYS.

No person shall receive pay for any labor performed upon the highways, unless such service shall have been first ordered and authorized by the person or persons having lawful authority to direct such labor to be performed.

ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE.

No horses, cattle, or swine shall be suffered to run at large in this town.

The above by-laws were submitted to Judge Perkins, and were approved by him, with the exception of the clause providing for the payment of interest on taxes. That was not approved.

Walter Janes and D. D. Curtis formed a co-partnership in the straw business, under the firm name of Janes & Curtis. Business increasing, the following year they enlarged their shop to more than double its former dimensions by the erection of a two-story building directly in the rear of the old Townsend house, in which the business had been carried on before. Very little machinery was then used, all the sewing of braid into hats and bonnets being done by hand in the families of this and adjoining towns. The goods were manufactured largely for Beekman, of New York.

1859. Selectmen, Charles Hamant, Orion Wight, and Joseph Miller.

The causeway on Noon Hill Street was raised, and a new sluice-way was built. The location of Elm Street, near its junction with South Street, was changed.

The county commissioners ordered Granite Street to be widened and thoroughly repaired.

CENTRE SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A new school-house was built in the centre district, at an expense of \$4,600, exclusive of the land. There being difference of opinion as to its location, the selection of this site was left to a committee of reference, consisting of the chairman of the boards of selectmen in Medway, Walpole, and Dedham. The old school-house was sold to T. L. Barney, and removed to the corner of South Street, where it was enlarged and fitted up as a dwelling and store.

1860. Selectmen, Charles Hamant, Orion Wight, and Joseph Miller.

Jacob R. Cushman, Representative.

Cottage Street was laid out. Boards bearing the names of the streets were ordered to be erected in the proper places throughout the town.

Whole amount of taxable property in the town, \$583,555. Town appropriations, \$3,000. Rate of taxation, \$6.15 on a thousand.

The population of the town in 1860 was 1,082.

RECORDS MISSING.

At this point occurs a break in the town records, the book containing the recorded action of the town from 1860 to 1874 having been destroyed at the burning of the town hall in the latter year.

The synopsis of events which follows has been gathered from various sources, and is believed to be reliable.

1861. Selectmen, Charles Hamant, Hamlet Wight, and Daniels Hamant.

The old town clock was removed this year, and a new clock with three dials was purchased.

OPENING OF THE CIVIL WAR.

On the evening of April 19, news was received of the attack on the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment in Baltimore. The excitement among the citizens was intense. A flag-staff was planted, and a flag raised that evening. The next morning, Allen A. Kingsbury, the first volunteer from this town, started for the city, and enlisted in a Chelsea company. During the year, seventeen others enlisted from Medfield :—

Alexander Cameron.	Thomas E. Hunt.
Caleb Howard.	George W. Hunt.
Lucius W. Allen.	Eugene Sumner.
Lewis Goulding.	Edward E. Ellis.
Perry Greenleaf.	Joseph Hardy.
John A. Strang.	John Proctor.
George O. Metcalf.	Cyrus D. Strang.
Joseph H. Morse.	Gabriel Strang.
Oscar B. Bussey.	

Of these, Cameron, Allen, Goulding, and Greenleaf served for three months only. The others were in three years' regiments. \$272 of State aid was given to the families of the soldiers.

THE FIRST RAILROAD.

On the 1st of August, 1861, the first train of passenger cars ran from Medfield to Boston on what is now called the New York & New England Railroad; E. C. Hawes, conductor.

The "Charles River Branch" had been united with the "Charles River Railroad" in 1853. In 1855, both were merged in the "New York & Boston Railroad." The project of a through line from Boston to New York had occupied the minds of some of the leading business men of this region for many years; and this it was which awakened the opposition of the older railroad corporations, and hindered the obtaining of a charter for a road through this section from the first, and left it to be finally built by subscriptions to its stock along the line of the road. The amount

raised in this town was largely through the efforts of Jonathan P. Bishop, Esq.

The road was merged in the "Boston, Hartford & Erie Railroad" in 1865, and so continued till the failure of that company, which was reorganized as the "New York & New England Railroad."

1862. Selectmen, Benjamin F. Shumway, Daniels Hamant, and George M. Smith.

Charles C. Sewall, Representative.

The ancient town pound was broken up, and a new one built on High Street.

Isaac Fiske was appointed postmaster, and retained the office till 1881.

Rev. J. W. Lathrop resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church, and was succeeded by Rev. Amos Harris.

THE FIRST SOLDIER'S BURIAL.

Allen A. Kingsbury, the first volunteer from this town in the Civil War, was killed at Yorktown, Va., April 26. The body was brought to Medfield May 8; and, on the following day, impressive funeral ceremonies took place. The address on the occasion was delivered by Rev. C. C. Sewall.

ADDITIONAL ENLISTMENTS.

After the President's call for three hundred thousand men, issued in July, fifteen thousand of whom were to come from Massachusetts, a meeting was called here to encourage enlistments. The people assembled one evening on the common, in front of the Unitarian church, and were addressed by several speakers from the church steps. In answer to the call, "Who will now volunteer?" came the answer, "I will," from various quarfers in the crowd. A few days later, when the brave fellows left their homes for the army, the people gathered to bid them farewell; and appropriate exercises took place around the elm at the corner of Main and South Streets.

Twenty-nine men enlisted from Medfield during the year :—

James Griffin.	Joseph Clark.
David Maney.	George A. Morse.
Eben G. Babcock.	George H. Shumway.
John B. Chenery.	Joseph Stedman.
Michael Griffin.	William H. Bullard.
William R. Holbrook.	Edmund L. Chenery.
Daniel McMahan.	George M. Fiske.
Joseph Laguski.	Henry Fiske.
William Vennon.	George H. Wight.
Thaddeus M. Turner.	Jonathan G. Wight.
Lewis H. Turner.	Albert S. Allen.
Edward U. Sewall.	Martin Bailey, Jr.
Frank Rhodes.	Curtis W. Jones.
George H. Bullard.	James Ord.
George E. Clark.	

\$1,130 of State aid was distributed among the soldiers' families.

1863. Selectmen, Benjamin F. Shumway, George M. Smith, and Daniels Hamant.

Three men enlisted into the service of the government,— John H. Parker, Watson Cooper, and John Ord, Jr.

\$1,530 of State aid was furnished to families of volunteers from this town.

Independence Day was observed by a patriotic celebration at Curtis' Grove. While it was in progress, the cheering tidings came of the success of the Union Army at Gettysburg.

1864. Selectmen, Benjamin F. Shumway, George M. Smith, and Jeremiah R. Smith.

Henry J. Everett was chosen town clerk. He held the office till his death, in 1871.

Fourteen men enlisted in the army and navy, from Medfield, in 1864 :—

Charles S. Snow.	George Miller.
John F. Harvey.	Nathan F. Harding.
Frank E. Morse.	Newell T. Hunt.
John G. Hutson.	B. E. Hemenway.
Eliakim Morse, Jr.	Stephen H. Berry.
Fuller M. Babcock.	Eleazar Johnson.
Asahel P. Clark.	Lowell J. Southland.

Besides these, eighteen others were procured as substitutes; and the town paid \$2,250 in bounties. \$1,347 of State aid was given to soldiers' families.

1865. Selectmen, Benjamin F. Shumway, George M. Smith, and Jeremiah R. Smith.

Dwight's causeway was raised, at an expenditure of \$500.

At the close of the war, it was found that this town had sent into the service eighty-two men; had paid on account of the war, \$5,571, which, added to the amount that had been paid by individuals, made a total of about \$10,000.

Rev. Solon W. Bush, Unitarian, and Rev. Amos Harris, Baptist, resigned their pastorates.

Population by the State census of 1865 was 1,012.

1866. Selectmen, Benjamin F. Shumway, George M. Smith, and Jeremiah R. Smith.

Green Street was straightened and improved.

Rev. Andrew Bigelow resigned the pastorate of the Orthodox church. Rev. A. W. Carr assumed pastoral charge of the Baptist church.

TOWN HALL BEQUEST.

The town received a bequest from George W. Chenery, for the erection of a town hall. This was placed in the hands of trustees, and invested. The trustees were Charles Hamant, Isaac Fiske, and E. P. Carpenter, of Foxboro. The amount of the bequest was about \$23,700. The conditions of it were that Mrs. Chenery should receive an annuity of \$600 as long as she remained a widow, and that the entire amount be expended in the erection of the building.

1867. Selectmen, Benjamin F. Shumway, George M. Smith, and Jeremiah R. Smith.

Charles C. Sewall, Representative.

Pound Street was widened and graded at an expense, including land damages, of about \$1,150.

The bridge over North Brook, on Railroad Street, was rebuilt, and the road widened near the crossing.

The two schools in the north district were consolidated.

Rev. James H. Wiggin was installed as Unitarian pastor. Rev. Chester Bridgman was acting pastor of the Orthodox church for one year.

Jeremiah B. Hale succeeded Warren Chenery in the manufacture of straw goods, at the factory on South Street.

1868. Selectmen, Charles Hamant, Alonzo B. Parker, and William C. Allen.

There was no important town action this year, aside from the usual routine business.

Cushman & Baker's carriage factory was burned to the ground, but was rebuilt without delay, business being carried on for a short time in the mill at the west end of the cemetery.

1869. Selectmen, Charles Hamant, Alonzo B. Parker, and William C. Allen.

The trustees of the town-hall fund purchased a site for the building, at a cost of \$1,760. It included the lot on which the old tavern stood, together with a small lot of land adjoining on the east.

Rev. J. M. R. Eaton commenced his labors as acting pastor of the Orthodox church.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS ABOLISHED.

The school districts, which had existed for so long a period, were now abolished. The school buildings became the property of the town, and the entire control of school matters passed into the hands of the school board.

1870. Selectmen, Charles Hamant, Alonzo B. Parker, and William C. Allen.

"The Avenue," from Cottage Street to West Mill Street, was laid out and built at an expense of \$2,500. The land was given by the various owners. Orchard Street was widened and repaired by direction of the county commissioners. Cost, \$1,300. Railroad Street was straightened by a piece of new road built across the meadow. A part, also, of the old road was graded and widened. Cost, \$2,200.

A NEW RAILROAD.

About the beginning of 1870, trains commenced running on the Framingham & Mansfield Railroad, now known as the Old Colony, Northern Division.

Population of Medfield at this date, 1,143. Valuation of the town, \$782,417. .

D. D. Curtis, with Messrs. Searle and Dailey, of New York, formed a co-partnership for the manufacture of straw goods. The business, though increasing, was carried on in the buildings previously occupied by Janes & Curtis, until their destruction, six years later.

During this period, machinery began to be largely employed in straw manufacturing.

Post 117, Grand Army of the Republic, was organized, with the following members :—

William R. Goldsmith.	J. Augustus Fitts.
Ashbel Willard.	Lewis Goulding.
Charles F. Bailey.	William Crane.
Francis Rhoades.	Edmund L. Chenery.
Cyrus D. Strang.	Jonathan G. Wight.
John Ord, Jr.	Edward U. Sewall.
George H. Shumway.	Albert Wiley.
Henry J. Daniels.	

In recognition of a generous gift of money to the post by Moses Ellis, Esq., of Framingham, a native of this town, the name "Moses Ellis Post" was adopted. Though but few of the above charter members retain in 1886 their connection with the post, it numbers thirty-four at this date.

1871. Selectmen, Benjamin F. Shumway, Oliver Clifford, and Jeremiah B. Hale.

Jacob R. Cushman, Representative.

Mt. Nebo Street was laid out and built.

Rev. A. W. Carr left the pastorate of the Baptist church.

Town appropriated \$2,500 in aid of the Chenery fund.

J. B. Hale was chosen town clerk to fill vacancy, and held the office till 1873.

1872. Selectmen, Benjamin F. Shumway, Oliver Clifford, and Jeremiah B. Hale.

Spring Street was laid out and built. Improvements of considerable importance were made on North Street (beyond Farm Street), also on Green Street and Philip Street. The old road from Main Street near the stone mill, leading through the woods to Foundry Street, was discontinued as a town way.

BUILDING OF THE TOWN HALL.

The town hall was erected. Hartwell & Swasey were the architects; C. H. & W. Stewart, the contractors. Total cost, exclusive of land, \$26,668. It was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies September 10. The address by Hon. R. R. Bishop, together with the remarks of the town officers and of the chairman of the board of trustees, and the ode by Rev. C. C. Sewall, was printed by vote of the town.

The old engine house was sold, and an engine room fitted up under the town hall.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

At a town-meeting, November 5, it was voted that a room in the town hall be set apart, and fitted up for the accommodation of a public library. A fair was held during the following winter for the purpose of raising funds for the purchase of books, the proceeds of which amounted to \$800. Deacon George Cummings gave \$600 for the same object.

George Cummings, Isaac Fiske, and Dr. J. H. Richardson were chosen trustees, to manage and control said library and all property belonging to it; to receive all gifts and bequests in aid of it, and hold them in trust for the town; and to allow the use and enjoyment of it to all the inhabitants of the town, under necessary rules, regulations, and restrictions. Miss Mary A. Sewall was chosen librarian.

J. H. Gould, afterward of the firm of Gould & Stevens, purchased the Chenery mills in the east part of the town, and commenced business as a dealer in grain, meal, and feed.

Rev. A. M. Crane was ordained pastor of the Baptist church.

1873. Selectmen, Benjamin F. Shumway, Hamlet Wight, and Alonzo B. Parker.

The public library, containing two thousand volumes, was opened to the public March 29.

Special repairs were made on Summer Street. About \$500 was expended on Canal Street, and \$787 upon Railroad Street, north of Canal Street.

Rate of taxation this year, \$13 on a thousand.

Messrs. Clark & Marshall erected a factory on Frairy Street, and commenced the manufacture of bonnet wire.

The Orthodox house of worship was repaired and newly furnished, and a chapel built, the whole costing \$4,500.

Rev. J. H. Wiggin resigned the pastoral care of the Unitarian Society.

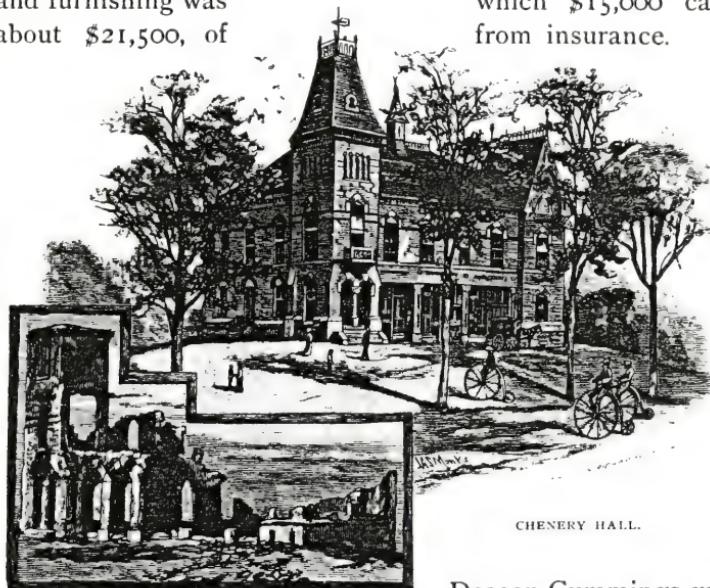
1874. Selectmen, Benjamin F. Shumway, Hamlet Wight, and Alonzo B. Parker.

BURNING OF THE TOWN HALL.

On the 8th of January, the new town hall was totally destroyed by fire, with the public library, the fire engine and apparatus, and the hearse, which was kept in the basement. All the books and papers belonging to the town, which were not at the time in the safe, were also destroyed. It is due to the heroic endeavors of Charles Hamant, Esq., and other citizens, who perceived the danger to which the small safe and its valuable contents were exposed, that the town has any of its records preserved. At imminent risk, by securing the safe with a chain, they succeeded in preventing its falling into the mass of fire below, where its entire contents must have been inevitably destroyed, the safe being inadequate to so severe a test. As it was, the books within it were severely scorched. The burning occurred in the night time. The building was thoroughly on fire when the alarm was given; and the citizens were thus compelled to stand and see the beautiful edifice fall into a heap of ruins, powerless to do anything to save it.

REBUILDING OF THE HALL.

At a meeting January 24, it was voted to rebuild the town hall. Plans were furnished by Mr. T. W. Silloway, architect, which were accepted. A building committee was appointed, with instructions not to exceed \$20,000, including the débris of the old building. A portion of the tower at the south-west corner was left standing, and was utilized by being incorporated into the new structure. The contractors were Mead, Mason & Co. The entire cost of rebuilding and furnishing was about \$21,500, of which \$15,000 came from insurance.



CHENERY HALL.

Deacon Cummings gave \$600 to aid in replacing the library; J. J. Adams, \$250; proceeds of concert and lectures, \$66; raised by subscription, \$300.

The town hall was rededicated November 2, with addresses by Hon. R. R. Bishop and others which, together with a sketch of the ministry in Medfield and a record of the town in the War of the Rebellion, were printed.

A new fire engine and apparatus were purchased at a cost of \$1,750.

The rate of taxation in 1874 was the highest ever reached in this town, \$15 on a thousand.

During this year, the Baptist and Unitarian houses of worship were thoroughly remodelled and refurnished.

1875. Selectmen, Benjamin F. Shumway, Hamlet Wight, and Alonzo B. Parker.

Joseph H. Baker, Representative.

A new hearse was purchased by the town to replace that destroyed in the burning of the town hall, at a cost of \$600.

D. D. Curtis & Co.'s boarding-house on North Street was burned. It was at once rebuilt.

Valuation of the town, \$945,295. Rate of taxation, \$12.50 on a thousand.

The steam-mill on Park Street was built by D. D. Curtis ; and Gould & Stevens, removing to it, very greatly enlarged their business, dealing also in flour and coal in addition to their former line of business. The firm, since Gould & Co., have developed a large wholesale trade, and their business is among the largest in their line of any in this region.

1876. Selectmen, Benjamin F. Shumway, Hamlet Wight, and Alonzo B. Parker.

The ninth Norfolk representative district was formed, including Medfield, Needham, Dover, and Norfolk.

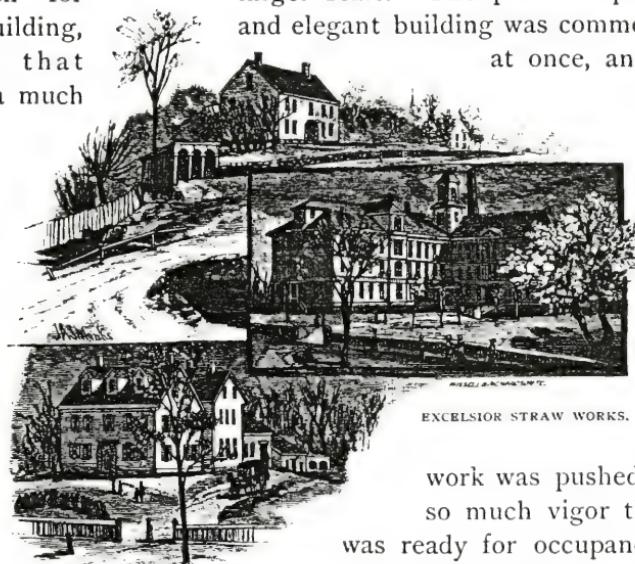
Feb. 21, 1876, the bi-centennial of the burning of the town by the Indians was celebrated. The day was ushered in by bonfires, ringing of bells, and firing of cannon. The exercises at the town hall consisted of an address by Rev. C. C. Sewall, president of the day ; an address by Hon. R. R. Bishop ; a poem by James Hewins, Esq. ; and remarks by several distinguished guests. Five hundred copies of the addresses, poem, and exercises of the day, were published by George Cummings, and distributed gratuitously. The exercises of that day contributed very largely to the interest which has resulted in the writing of this history.

During the year, the town was visited by the fire fiend in a degree which vividly recalled the disasters of two centuries earlier.

The South School-house was burned ; rebuilt at a cost of \$1,546.

September 21, the Orthodox meeting-house, with all its contents, and the new chapel which had been built near it, were totally destroyed by fire.

October 3, the straw shop of D. D. Curtis & Co. took fire; and, in spite of all efforts to check it, the flames swept steadily on till the buildings were burned to the ground. The busy season being near at hand, immediate steps were taken for rebuilding, and that on a much larger scale. The present spacious and elegant building was commenced at once, and the



EXCELSIOR STRAW WORKS.

work was pushed with so much vigor that it was ready for occupancy by the beginning of the new year.

The centennial of the Baptist church was observed August 18. The history of the church was read by its author, W. S. Tilden; an address was delivered by Dr. Hovey, of Newton; a poem was read by Rev. Theron Brown; and remarks were made by many former pastors and friends. The history, address, and poem were published by the church.

In 1876, Rev. J. M. R. Eaton was succeeded by Rev. William H. Cobb, as pastor of the Orthodox church.

1877. Selectmen, Hamlet Wight, Alonzo B. Parker, and Francis D. Hamant.

A hook and ladder truck was purchased and equipped, at a cost of \$300; and a company was formed.

ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF EXCELSIOR HOOK AND LADDER CO., NO. 1.

Edmund Bullard.	George B. Harris.
Ellery Franks.	William F. Harding.
Charles E. Baker.	Roswell C. Miller.
Harris L. Havener.	Albion C. Gilbert.
George E. Pettis.	Dennis Kennedy.
William F. Weiker.	W. D. Cripps.
William Adams.	Neal P. McGrory.

The "Steam Packing Company" commenced business at the mill in the north part of the town, since known as French's Mill.

A new house of worship was erected by the Orthodox Society on the site of the first house. Its cost, including furnishing, was about \$10,000. It was dedicated August 7.

Rev. Granville Pierce became pastor of the Unitarian church.

1878. Selectmen, Hamlet Wight, Alonzo B. Parker, and George W. Kingsbury.

An addition was made to the cemetery at the westerly end, at an expense, when laid out, of \$700.

The records of births, deaths, and marriages in Medfield, from 1650 to 1875, were copied, and arranged in alphabetical order, by Jeremiah B. Hale.

Very few towns in the Commonwealth have their records in so convenient and systematic form as Medfield. The facility of reference enables those who are constantly searching them for information concerning their ancestry to find quickly all that our records contain. We are also by this means able to decide some hitherto doubtful cases, and to correct errors into which earlier genealogists have fallen.

Rev. A. M. Crane resigned as pastor of the Baptist church, and was succeeded by Rev. I. H. Gilbert.

1879. Selectmen, Alonzo B. Parker, George W. Kingsbury, and William F. Guild.

William S. Tilden, of Medfield, was Representative from the ninth Norfolk district.

Two chemical fire extinguishers were procured for the use of the town. Cost, \$90.

The town records, from 1649 to 1755, were copied.

Each member of the engine and hook and ladder companies received \$7 for the year's services, amounting to \$360. Previous to this year, firemen had only received the amount of their poll tax.

Regulations for the management of the cemetery were adopted.

Rev. George H. Pratt became pastor of the Orthodox church.

1880. Selectmen, Alonzo B. Parker, George W. Kingsbury, and William F. Guild.

Pleasant Street was extended, and from its terminus a new street was laid out to South Street.

The town adopted a code of truant laws.

Voted, That the firemen be paid \$7 each for a year's service; engineers, \$12.

Population in 1880, 1,365.

1881. Selectmen, Hamlet Wight, George W. Kingsbury, and William F. Guild.

A sewer was built this year from the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets, along North Street, to Meeting-house Pond.

Park Street and Oak Street were laid out and built.

Women voted for school committee for the first time, the following names being registered for the purpose:—

Abby Bailey.	Susan Morse.
Catherine L. Cary.	Alvira D. Newell.
Ellen Clifford.	Elizabeth S. Sewall.
Constantina Ingalls.	

Rev. J. N. Pardee succeeded Rev. Granville Pierce in the pastorate of the Unitarian Society.

Deacon George Cummings, who had been a resident of the town for several years, and who had shown his interest in town and church by many valuable gifts, at his death be-

queathed to the town the sum of \$1,000, the income of which, as a perpetual trust fund, is to be applied to the support of the public library.

Jeremiah B. Hale was appointed postmaster, and the office was removed to the town-hall building.

1882. Selectmen, George W. Kingsbury, Benjamin F. Shumway, and Oliver Clifford.

West Mill Street was graded, widened, and its direction in some part changed to accommodate the building of a new railroad station at Medfield Junction, and the approaches to it.

The building on Main Street was hired of Thomas L. Barney for a primary school-room.

1883. Selectmen, Benjamin F. Shumway, George W. Kingsbury, and N. Frank Harding.

James Hewins, of Medfield, was Representative for the ninth Norfolk district.

The first telephone line through the town was built this year.

Rev. George H. Pratt resigned the pastorate of the Orthodox church, and was succeeded by Rev. Wilbur Johnson.

A. A. Lovell & Co. commenced the manufacture of papier-maché goods on Railroad Street, near Canal Street.

1884. Selectmen, Benjamin F. Shumway, George W. Kingsbury, N. Frank Harding.

Rev. C. C. Sewall closed his long term of service as clerk of the town, receiving a vote of hearty thanks for the same.

Rev. J. J. Twiss became pastor of the Unitarian Society.

1885. Selectmen, N. Frank Harding, George W. Kingsbury, and James Nelson.

The Turnpike Bridge was rebuilt this year ; Frairy Street was widened and straightened, a wall laid on the same next to Meeting-house Pond ; and the town hall was newly frescoed.

The amount of the school fund was \$3,760.20.

Section 4 of the by-laws of the town was amended to read as follows :—

All tax-bills remaining unpaid on the 15th of December in each year, it shall be the duty of the collector forthwith to issue a summons to each delinquent; and, if such delinquent do not pay the amount of his tax within ten days after the issuing of this summons, with twenty cents more for the summons, the collector shall forthwith proceed to collect the amount due in the manner provided by law.

John H. Gould, of Medfield, was elected Senator from the second Norfolk district.

The vote for Governor was : George D. Robinson, 134; F. O. Prince, 54; Thomas J. Lothrop, 3; James Sumner, 2.

The census of 1885 makes the population of the town 1,594: males, 674; females, 920. Under five years of age, 92: males, 50; females, 42. Between five and fourteen, 183: males, 90; females, 93. Between fourteen and thirty, 548: males, 211; females, 337. Between thirty and fifty, 439: males, 181; females, 249. Between fifty and seventy, 243: males, 114; females, 129. Upward of seventy, 98: males, 28; females, 70.

Number of ratable polls, 456. Voters, 381: native, 354; naturalized, 27. Not voters, 19; aliens, 56.

Number of dwelling-houses, 288,—all of wood.

Number of families, 345.

Number of acres of land taxed, 8,098 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Number of horses, 212; cows, 425; other neat cattle, 65; sheep, 1; swine, 69.

Total value of personal property, \$308,245. Total value of real estate, \$802,613. Total valuation, \$1,110,858.

Rate of taxation, nine mills on the dollar.

Number of persons assessed only a poll tax, 207.

1886. Selectmen, James Nelson, George W. Kingsbury, and George W. Bruce.

Town clerk, Stillman J. Spear.

Assessors, William P. Hewins, William F. Guild, James Nelson.

Overseers of poor, Amos E. Mason, George W. Kingsbury, Eugene Bonney.

- Treasurer, Ralph A. Battelle.
 Collector, Moses H. Johnson.
 Auditor, Thomas L. Barney.
 Constables, George A. Morse, Jonathan G. Wight, Herman G. Crosby.
 School committee, William S. Tilden, Ellen Clifford, Henry F. Sawyer.
 Trustees school fund, Hamlet Wight, Joseph H. Baker, Ralph A. Battelle.
 Board of health, Dr. John H. Richardson, Dr. Charles M. Fuller, James M. Hewins.
 Trustees of library, J. Herbert Baker, William S. Tilden, Stillman J. Spear, Dr. John H. Richardson.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1886.

Schools,	\$3,400
Highways and bridges,	2,500
Support of the poor,	1,600
Library (besides dog tax),	100
General expenses,	1,000
Fire department,	800
Town officers,	600
School text-books,	300
Toward the town debt,	1,000

Town assumed the care of all sidewalks within half a mile of the town hall, so far as to keep them clear of snow in the winter.

Town voted to construct a common sewer for the use of the town and of all persons who might desire to enter the same from a point on North Street, near where Vine Brook runs under the same, to a point north-westerly of Dale Street on land owned by the heirs of Daniel D. Curtis, where a filtering basin was constructed.

Frank K. Bonney was appointed postmaster, and the office was removed to Frost's Block on North Street.

Rev. I. H. Gilbert resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church, and was succeeded by Rev. E. S. Gardner.

After the death of D. D. Curtis, which occurred in December, 1885, the business was continued in the interests

of his family, in connection with Messrs. Searle and Dailey, till the close of the business year, June 30, 1886.

During the year, 47,863 cases of goods were sent from the factory, the aggregate value of which amounted to \$1,069,732. The amount paid to workmen during the year was \$297,929.57.

Since July 1, 1886, the business has been conducted by Searle, Dailey & Co. Haskell A. Searle has been connected with the straw goods business since 1855. He was with Beekman of New York while Walter Janes, and afterward Janes & Curtis, manufactured goods for that house, and since 1870 in the firm of D. D. Curtis & Co. Granville F. Dailey, a brother-in-law of Mr. Searle, in connection with him was in the Beekman establishment in New York until he entered the co-partnership in 1870. Edwin V. Mitchell, the third member of the new firm, has been superintendent of the manufactory with D. D. Curtis & Co. since 1877, and married the eldest daughter of Mr. Curtis in 1885.

The enlargement of manufacturing facilities desired by Searle, Dailey & Co. made necessary the erection of a boiler house, new boilers, and a larger engine, which, with other changes, involved the expenditure of \$25,000.

VOTERS OF MEDFIELD, LIST OF FEB. 6, 1886.

Abell, William F.	Barney, Thomas L.
Adams, Edward L.	Bartz, Henry
Adams, George W.	Bartz, John E.
Adams, John Z.	Battelle, Ralph A.
Adams, Lewis L.	Bent, David M.
Adams, Lowell	Bent, Edward M.
Adams, Warren	Bingham, Thomas A.
Alexander, Louis E.	Bingham, Thomas H.
Allen, Alphonso L.	Bingham, Walter S.
Allen, Joseph E.	Bishop, Moses B. H.
Allen, Noah	Blackington, Edward M.
Allen, William C.	Blake, Alfred A.
Babcock, Albert J.	Bonney, Eugene
Babcock, Eben G.	Bonney, Frank K.
Babcock, George G.	Boylan, Bernard
Babcock, Herbert W.	Brennan, Michael
Babcock, Lowell	Brigham, Frank A.
Baker, J. Herbert	Brigham, Joseph H.
Baker, Joseph H.	Brown, Henry S.
Baker, Robert W.	Brown, Loring I.
Barney, T. Fred	Bruce, Charles F.

- Bruce, George W.
Bryant, Alonzo K.
Bullard, Charles
Bullard, Edmund
Bullard, Hinsdale F.
Bullard, John T.
Bullard, Lester C.
Bullard, William H.
Bunting, James R.
Bussey, James B.
Bussey, Jaazaniah
Cary, Gilman
Chamberlain, Ephraim
Chase, George R.
Chase, Perley S.
Chenery, Benjamin
Chenery, Edmund L.
Chenery, William
Cheney, Martin L.
Clark, Frederick M.
Clark, Joseph
Clark, Moses F.
Clark, Thomas S.
Clifford, Israel
Clifford, Oliver
Coddington, Isaac B.
Coddington, Loring J.
Cole, Richard E.
Coltman, James
Conger, James W.
Crane, George
Crane, William
Crosby, Herman G.
Curtis, Irving
Curtis, Joseph W.
Cushman, Jacob R.
Cutler, Alfred
Cutler, Lewis A.
Cutter, Frank W.
Danforth, Fred
Davis, George
Dawson, James H.
Dunn, Charles
Dunn, Henry J.
Dyer, Alison B.
Ellis, Edwin H.
Ellis, Samuel
Everett, William H.
Fairbanks, James A.
Fales, Gilbert D.
Fales, William A.
Fales, William E.
Fisher, William Q.
Fitts, Julius A.
Forbes, William
Freeman, Charles C.
Frost, Clinton T.
Franks, Ellery
French, Reuben
Fuller, Charles M.
Garfield, Charles M.
Garfield, Daniel L.
Garfield, Martin L.
Getchell, Robert E.
Getchell, Thomas E.
Gilbert, Albion C.
Gilbert, Isaac H.
Giles, George F.
Gilley, Edward P.
Gilley, Fred G.
Gilman, Charles W.
Gilman, Warren R.
Gilmore, George M.
Gilmore, Marcus
Gilmore, Melvin
Gould, John H.
Griffin, James
Grover, E. Emmons
Grover, Ephraim O.
Grover, Paschal C.
Grover, William B.
Guild, Erastus I.
Guild, Lewis H.
Guild, Luther A.
Guild, William F.
Haggerty, Daniel
Hale, Jeremiah B.
Hamant, Charles
Hamant, Daniel D.
Hamant, Francis D.
Hamant, George D.
Hanly, Patrick J.
Hanks, George M.
Hanks, Henry J.
Harding, Henry F.
Harding, Lorenzo
Harding, Nathan
Harding, Nathan F.
Harding, William F.
Hardy, Joseph A.
Hartshorn, Moses
Haynes, Lowell
Healy, John
Hewins, James
Hewins, James M.
Hewins, William P.
Hoar, Benjamin H.
Hoisington, Dennis
Holmes, Clarence R.
Howe, Frank I.
Hutson, Herbert W.
Hutson, John G.

- Hyatt, Richard J.
Johnston, Jeremiah
Johnson, Andrew J.
Johnson, Joseph M.
Johnson, Moses H.
Johnson, Samuel
Johnson, Wilbur
Jordan, Alfred H.
Jordan, Horatio A.
Kennedy, Dennis
Keyou, Edwin J.
King, Thomas
Kingsbury, Albert D.
Kingsbury, Edgar W.
Kingsbury, George W.
Kingsbury, John
Kingsbury, Warren E.
Kingsbury, William
Landers, Ephraim H.
Leeds, Joseph
Leeds, Theodore
Leland, Henry
Lonergan, Joseph E.
Lovell, Albert A.
Lyon, William E.
Maker, Frank H.
Maker, Seth R.
Mann, Henry W.
Marsh, Theodore B.
Marshall, William
Martin, Patrick
Mason, Amos E.
Mason, Frank E.
Mason, Harry S.
Mason, John
McLaughlin, Alexander
Meany, David
Miller, George F.
Mitchell, Edwin V.
Mitchell, George F.
Morang, J. V.
Morrill, Fred A.
Morrill, George W.
Morse, Fred H.
Morse, George A.
Nelson, James
Nelson, Peter W.
Newell, Charles O.
Newell, Edward E.
Newell, George A.
Newell, John A.
Ord, James
Ord, John
Ord, John, Jr.
Osborn, George H.
Paige, Joseph W.
Parker, Alonzo B.
Parker, Henry M.
Parker, Roswell K.
Payson, Edward
Pember, John
Pember, John H.
Perrigo, Orion M.
Pettis, George E.
Plimpton, Charles E.
Plimpton, David
Plimpton, Melvin G.
Quincy, John A.
Rhodes, Edwin A.
Rhodes, Francis
Richards, Lewis M.
Richardson, Henry F. A.
Richardson, John H.
Roberts, William B.
Rogers, Edward J.
Rogers, Warren M.
Rourke, Martin E.
Russell, Charles H.
Sawyer, Henry F.
Sawyer, Horace P.
Sawyer, Webber
Schools, John
Schools, John H.
Schools, Thomas E.
Sewall, Charles C.
Sewall, Edward U.
Sherman, Reuben
Sherman, Rutileus
Shumway, Benj. F.
Shumway, George
Shumway, John W.
Simpson, Samuel W.
Smith, Clark
Smith, Fred M.
Smith, George H.
Smith, Jeremiah R.
Smith, Thomas L.
Smith, William R.
Spaulding, Charles W.
Spear, Stillman J.
Stone, Nathan A.
Strang, Cyrus D.
Taber, Charles H.
Taber, Frank H.
Taber, Harrison P.
Thatcher, Edwin H.
Thayer, Elijah
Thurston, John Y.
Tilden, Eleazar P.
Tilden, William S.
Tracy, James M.
Tufts, Joseph D.

Turner, Charles	Whiting, Daniel W.
Turner, Emory H.	Wight, Francis
Turner, Lewis H.	Wight, George H.
Turner, Stephen F.	Wight, Hamlet
Twiss, James J.	Wight, Henry F.
Upham, Thomas	Wight, Henry G.
Voss, Thomas	Wight, Herbert W.
Walker, Edwin G.	Wight, Jonathan G.
Weiker, Conrad	Wiley, Lyman A.
Weiker, Raymond	Wilson, Bennett
Weiker, Reynolds	Winship, George W.
Weiker, William F.	Wood, Edward H.
Weston, George L.	Woods, Samuel

NAMES OF FEMALES QUALIFIED TO VOTE FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Bailey, Abby	Morse, Susan
Cary, Catherine L.	Newell, Alvira D.
Clifford, Ellen	Sewall, Elizabeth S.
Ingalls, Constantina	

TAX-PAYERS OF \$25 AND UPWARD, MAY 1, 1886.

D. D. Curtis & Co.,	\$953.40	George H. Wight,	\$65.24
George Cummings estate,	632.10	Frank I. Howe,	62.82
D. D. Curtis estate,	521.73	Stephen F. Turner,	61.64
Thomas Upham, trustee,	378.00	Amos E. Mason,	61.53
Henry M. Parker,	186.69	Benjamin Chenery,	61.12
Francis D. Hamant,	172.39	Joel Everett's heirs,	60.90
Thomas Upham,	159.50	William Kingsbury,	60.85
Geo. M. Smith's heirs,	134.45	Samuel Ellis,	60.80
Hannah Pfaff,*	140.71	David Plimpton,	59.33
John H. Gould,	131.15	Charles C. Sewall,	58.75
Thomas L. Barney,	129.84	James Ord,	57.65
Julius A. Fitts,	126.69	William P. Hewins,	57.33
Alonzo B. Parker,	125.46	Dennis Hoisington,	56.08
Willard Harwood,*	121.85	William Marshall,	55.55
J. H. Baker & Co.,	117.08	E. P. Talbot,	55.15
Oliver Clifford,	112.57	Bonney Bros.,	54.81
Ellen Curtis,	102.38	Joseph M. Johnson,	53.98
J. R. Cushman,	101.59	William Ryan,	53.45
William R. Smith,	96.01	Harrison P. Taber,	53.24
Hamlet Wight,	92.14	Benjamin F. Shumway,	53.19
Charles Dunn,	89.99	Samuel Stubbs,*	52.66
William Chenery,	87.05	Geo. P. Morey, Adm.,*	52.50
Caleb Hamant's heirs,	86.94	John J. Adams' heirs,	52.50
John Ellis estate,	85.05	Abigail Cummings,	52.50
George E. Pettis,	84.95	Mary F. Ellis,	52.50
Bradford Curtis estate,	81.17	Sarah F. Ellis,	52.50
Henry S. Brown,	80.02	Wight & Dunn,	51.19
Peter Nelson's heirs,	74.60	J. B. Hale,	51.09
Jaaazaniah Bussey,	73.30	William S. Tilden,	50.83
George M. Hanks,	72.43	George Davis,	50.72
James Hewins,	72.35	Am. Steam Packing Co.,	50.63
Allen Bros.,	68.83	John Y. Thurston,	50.04

* Non-resident.

Jane Johnston,	\$49.90	William A. Fales,	\$33.81
William Q. Fisher,	48.51	Samuel Woods,	33.71
Clarissa Upham's heirs,	48.30	Mary M. Fiske,	33.60
Solomon Cohoon,	47.50	Moses Hartshorn,	33.55
N.Y. & Bost. Inland R.R.,	46.76	Gershom Adams' heirs,	33.02
Clark Smith,	45.47	Lucy Kingsbury,	33.02
Stillman J. Spear,	45.05	Moses F. Clark,	32.98
Clinton T. Frost,	44.00	Joseph Clark,	32.98
John Mason,	22.18	George H. Shumway,	32.66
L. & C. Guild,	42.00	Ellen Clifford,	32.55
Richard E. Cole,	41.11	Margaret Steele,	32.45
Noah Allen,	41.04	Katherine Lovell,	32.34
Mary A. Sewall,	40.95	Ellis Holt,	31.72
Lorenzo Harding,	40.90	George Fiske's heirs,	31.50
Charles Hamant,	40.85	Catherine L. Cary,	30.95
John G. Hutson,	40.54	Daniel P. Russell's heirs,	30.71
Elijah Thayer,	40.33	Laura Cutter,	30.45
Edgar W. Kingsbury,	40.11	Mary B. Lovell,	30.45
Joseph D. Tufts,	40.06	Nathan F. Harding,	30.25
William F. Harding,	39.54	John H. Richardson,	29.82
Ira Moody's heirs,	39.37	William C. Allen,	29.67
John T. Bullard,	39.28	R. W. Sherman,	29.66
James Hewins' heirs,	39.27	G. E. Nelson's heirs,*	29.51
Wilbur Johnson,	39.09	Jonathan G. Wight,	29.40
Mary B. Fowle,	39.07	Lydia A. Rowe,	28.77
Mary Parker,	38.33	John W. Shumway,	28.59
Sarah Bosworth's heirs,	37.80	Cynthia Hamant,	28.35
Smith Gerrish,*	37.33	Joseph H. Baker,	28.25
Thomas S. Clark,	37.28	Seth R. Maker,	28.25
Lowell Adams,	36.92	E. H. Ellis,	27.99
Baptist Church,	36.75	Edwin V. Mitchell,	27.73
M. F. Clark & Co.,	36.75	Esther G. Richardson,	27.30
Lydia J. Perrigo,	36.75	S. E. & L. G. Pond,	27.30
Henry F. Sawyer,	36.65	George R. Chase,	26.47
Benj. F. Crehore,*	36.23	Eliza J. Richards,	26.25
E. Chamberlain,	35.08	S. P. Bullard's heirs,	26.25
John A. Newell,	34.87	Henry F. Wight,	25.99
R. A. Battelle,	34.87	George F. Giles,	25.42
Alonzo K. Bryant,	34.24		

* Non-resident.

STREAMS, BRIDGES, AND LOCALITIES

MENTIONED IN THE HISTORY, AND NAMES WHICH ARE
FOUND IN THE CURRENT SPEECH OF THE PEOPLE.

STREAMS.

Charles River.—Forms the western boundary of the town, and is crossed from Medfield by five bridges. The river was named for King Charles I.

Stop River.—Enters from Norfolk on the south, flows north-westerly into Charles River above Turnpike Bridge. The origin of the name is unknown, and it is found in the earliest records. It is crossed by South, Noon Hill, and Causeway Streets.

Vine Brook.—Rises near Rocky Woods, and flows through the middle of the town, and empties into Charles River, near Turnpike Bridge. It is frequently called Meeting-house Brook, but the former is the name by which it was first called. It is crossed by North, Short, and Main Streets.

Mill Brook.—Enters from Dover on the north-east, flows south-easterly, passes into Walpole, and empties into Neponset River. Its name is derived from the fact that the first mill in Medfield was built upon it. It is called upon some maps Tub-wreck Brook. It is crossed by Main, Mt. Nebo, Foundry, Philip, and Elm Streets.

North Brook.—Rises in Rocky Woods, a branch entering from Dover; flows through the north part of the town, and empties into Charles River. It is crossed by Pine, North, Railroad, and West Mill Streets. The reason for its naming is obvious.

South-plain Brook.—Rises half a mile east of the village, its sources being hardly distinguishable from those of Vine Brook. Indeed, it is said that, when the turnpike was built, some of its waters were diverted into Vine Brook. It flows southward into Stop River. It was anciently called Nantasket Brook. Its more common name was evidently given it from the fact that those who went to their fields at the South Plain were obliged to cross it,

and a bridge was early constructed. It is crossed by Philip, South, and Spring Streets.

Great Brook.—It rises in the low lands between Elm and High Streets, flows westerly, and empties into South-plain Brook. Its size hardly suggests its name. It is crossed by South Street.

Turtle Brook.—A small run of water in Dingle Dell, crossed by West Street.

Saw-mill Brook.—Rises on the north side of Noon Hill, flows northward into Stop River. Its waters were used to run a saw-mill at a date beyond our knowledge, and until recent years.

Boiling Spring.—A quick and powerful spring, the largest in the town, half a mile south of the centre, near Spring Street. The little rivulet which it supplies flows westward into Stop River.

BRIDGES.

Ellis' Bridge.—Sometimes called the Upper Bridge, over Charles River, west of Noon Hill. Its name comes from the Ellis family, which for many years occupied the estate to the north-eastward of it. Traces of their residences are still visible. It is now often called Lovell's Bridge, from a family living near it on the Millis side.

Dwight's Bridge.—Over Charles River, a mile or more below the former. This has been its invariable name from the first, originating in the fact that the town laid out the causeway there to accommodate Timothy Dwight, who owned lands in that region.

Turnpike Bridge.—Over Charles River at "The Willows," on the old Boston and Hartford turnpike. In late years, this is often called the "great bridge."

Brastow's Bridge.—Near the town farm, which was formerly owned by Colonel Brastow. It is very often called Poor-farm Bridge at present. The first bridge over Charles River on the old county road was near this site; and that structure, as well as the one in the present location, was always spoken of prior to 1800 as the "great bridge."

Death's Bridge.—The northernmost of our Charles River bridges, connecting Medfield with the south part of Sherborn. A family bearing the name of Death long lived just beyond it, which circumstance accounts for the name.

Thurston's Bridge.—The old name of the upper bridge over Stop River on South Street, near Norfolk line. It was a little distance above the present stone bridge. The Thurstons of Med-

field very early owned land in Wrentham, then a part of Dedham; and a bridge was built for their use.

Frairy's Bridge.—Till within half a century, the name of the bridge over Stop River on Noon Hill Street, near South Street. John Frairy was the first owner of the meadows on the west side of Stop River, at the base of Noon Hill; and this bridge appears to have been built on his account.

LOCALITIES.

Noon Hill.—The principal elevation of land in the south part of the town, over which the sun appears at noon as viewed from the centre.

Mt. Nebo.—A hill about a mile east of the village. The first way from Dedham lay over a slope of this hill, from which, as they journeyed, our pioneers might easily have viewed the land of their future settlement.

Castle Hill.—A mile and a half northward from the centre of the town. Its name was given it at the time the town was settled, but what suggested it is not known.

Rocky Woods.—An appropriate name for the rough, elevated, extensive tract of woodland lying along the boundaries of Dover.

Cedar Hill.—South-easterly of Rocky Woods. One of the most elevated points of land in this region. From the summit, Boston Harbor can be seen.

Mine Hill.—About two miles east of the village and north of Main Street. Certain appearances of the soil led people to suppose that precious metals would be found there. A deep excavation was made; and specimens from it were sent to England for examination, it is said, more than a hundred years ago. Nothing of value has been obtained from it.

Planting-field Hill, or “The Planting Field.”—A ridge of land east of South Street, southward of the school-house, ending at Lake Woods. The dwellers in the village quite early took up lands on the slopes of this hill for tillage purposes.

Hatter Hill.—A rise of land on the Dedham road, a mile east of the village.

Great Field.—The level stretch of land in the centre of the town, southward from Main Street to Curve Street.

Bridge Street Plain.—The elevated plain lying north-easterly of Bridge Street.

Sear Tree Plain.—A level portion of land on the western slope of Noon Hill, probably east of the present Causeway Street.

Herd-house Plain.—Frequently called Cow-pen Plain. The level land a mile and a half east of the village along Main Street and near the brook. This part of the town has for a long time borne the unjust appellation, "the lean end."

South Plain.—The large plain on the south side of Elm Street, from near South Street to Mill Brook. This land was thought very valuable by the first comers, and nearly every land-holder in town had a slice of it. After a few years, most of it came into possession of the Adams family.

North Plain.—The field on the east side of North Street stretching from Winter Street to Castle Hill.

Wheeler's Bottom.—The low land crossed by Dale Street, and near its junction with Frairy Street. "The Bottom Road" was the old designation of Dale Street, and it is still occasionally heard.

Claypits, or "Claypit Valley."—The low fields on the east side of Causeway Street, a short distance from Main Street.

North Meadows.—On Charles River, toward Sherborn.

Centre Meadows.—On Charles River, north of Brastow's Bridge.

Upper Broad Meadow.—On Charles River, above Dwight's Bridge.

Pine Swamp.—A large tract of wet land, mostly wooded, lying between the village and Stop River. In one section of it the rhododendron grows. A few Indians lived in Pine Swamp during the last century.

Cheney Pond.—A meadow in Rocky Woods, the bed of a natural pond which has been drained.

Burnt Swamp.—Meadow land near Norfolk line, half a mile east of South Street.

Wildcat Swamp.—A wooded swamp abutting on Main Street, three-fourths of a mile east of the centre of the town.

Rock Meadow.—A piece of meadow land in the south-easterly corner of the town near Walpole line.

Hog's-trough.—A little meadow nearly surrounded by sharp hills, southward of Lake Woods.

Harbor Island.—A tract of upland beyond the Claypits, crossed by Causeway Street, and partly surrounded by swamp land.

Devil's-foot Island.—A rocky islet in the meadow near Stop River, at the south-easterly corner of Pine Swamp. It is so called from several curious depressions in the rocks.

Lake Woods.—In the southerly part of the town, south of Rocky Lane Street.

Jade Walk.—The region traversed by Orchard and Causeway Streets, near the Upper Bridge.

Dyer's Neck.—Meadow and woodland some distance above Dwight's Bridge.

Rail-tree Neck.—Near and eastward of the junction of High and Granite Streets.

Dingle Dell.—Called at different times "Dingle Hole," "Littlefield's Hole," "Littlefield Bottom," lies along West Street, in the neighborhood of its intersection with West Mill Street.

Fern Dell.—The swamp and reservoir north of Main Street, above the stone mill.

Guinea.—Lands at the terminus of Green Street. Negroes formerly lived in this locality.

Goudy.—The region bearing this name is on Mt. Nebo Street, midway between Main and Foundry Streets. A man of that name lived there about 1750, and he had a saw-mill on the brook near by. Traces of both house and mill are still visible.

Sleepy Hollow.—A considerable depression in the woods to the north of the junction of Elm and South Streets. At times, there is a very distinct echo in this spot.

Nantasket.—A name anciently applied to the tract of land lying to the north-east of the junction of Pound and Main Streets. One of the oldest grants conveys "all that pond or pulkey piece of land which lyeth on the left hand of the highway leading out at the place we commonly call Nantasket." The locality seems to have retained this name only during the first few years of our settlement.

Iron Ore.—A bed of low-grade ore in the south-east corner of the town, westerly of Plain Street. In early days, a proprietorship in this "iron ore" was considered of value; and, in the division of estates, the heirs were frequently secured in their rights to that property. Within the present century even, considerable quantities of the ore were dug and carted to a foundry in Wrentham.

GENEALOGIES.

FAMILIES OF 1651 TO 1850 AND THEIR RESIDENT DESCENDANTS.

NOTE.—The dates in these genealogies are generally given in accordance with New Style. There will be, doubtless, some discrepancies in comparing with other records, on this account. The first date appended to a name indicates the year of birth; a second date, separated from the first by a dash, is the year of death; m., married; and a number enclosed in parentheses following a name refers to its place in the family as given in this book. The sign + before a name shows that there is particular reference to it further on.

ADAMS.

EDWARD ADAMS, son of Henry of Braintree, born in England, came to Medfield with three of his brothers about 1652, and took up a house lot on Bridge Street, near the corner of Dale Street. His house was burned by the Indians in 1676. He served on the board of selectmen for many years; was commissioner in 1689, and representative in 1692. He was in full communion at the time of Mr. Baxter's settlement. In his later years, he was often employed in the settlement of estates. His will mentions the children of his son Eliashib, who probably died before his father. Jonathan, John, and Edward, he states, had already received their portion; and he mentions by name his daughters, Lydia Daniel, Sarah Turner, and Mehitable Faxon. *He* married, first, Lydia (Rockwood, possibly), who died in 1676; second, in 1678, Abigail Day of Dedham, who died in 1707; third, in 1710, Sarah Taylor. He died in 1716, the last of the original settlers. Children:—

2. LYDIA, 1653-1731; m. in 1673 James Allen (6); second, Joseph Daniels (4).
- +3. JONATHAN, 1655.
- +4. JOHN, 1657.
5. ELIAS HIB, 1658; settled in Bristol, R.I.
6. SARAH, 1660-1747; m. in 1677 John Turner (4).
7. JAMES, 1661; settled in Barrington, R.I.
8. HENRY, 1663; m. in 1691 Patience Ellis (58), who died in 1695, leaving two children, Daniel and Hannah. Henry then removed to Canterbury, Conn.

9. MEHITABLE, 1665; m. Josiah Faxon of Braintree.
10. ELISHA, 1666; said to have settled in Bristol, R.I.
11. EDWARD, 1668; settled in Bristol, R.I.
12. BETHIA, 1671-1672.
13. BETHIA, 1672-1672.
14. ABIGAIL, 1674-1674.
15. MIRIAM, 1675-1676.

3.

JONATHAN² (Edward¹) settled on the west side of the river, beyond what is now turnpike bridge, on the estate still held by descendants of the name of Adams. He was active in the formation of the town of Medway, and was one of the first deacons of the church there. He married in 1678 Mary Ellis (54), who died in 1717; second, in 1717, Mehitable, widow of Joseph Cheney (9). He died in 1718. Children:—

16. JONATHAN, 1679-1694.
17. MARY, 1681-1725; m. in 1708 Henry Smith (20).
18. LYDIA, 1689-1691.
19. JONATHAN, 1696-1776; m. Dorcas Mason (10); settled on the homestead in Medway.

4.

JOHN² (Edward¹) had a grant in 1682 of a building lot on the west side of Charles River, "near the new mill." He married in 1682 Deborah Partridge (48); second, Susanna Breck (4). He died in 1751, Susanna in 1744. Children:—

20. EDWARD, 1682-1742; settled in Milton.
21. JOHN, 1684-1759; m. Judith Bullen (12). He resided in Medfield, apparently on the place owned by his grandfather Edward, until it was sold to Jonathan Adams in 1732, and then removed to Medway. He held several town offices. He was called in the records "cordwainer," to distinguish him from others of the same name.
22. DANIEL, 1686; resided in Medway.
23. ELEAZAR, 1687; resided in Medway.
24. OBADIAH, 1689; m. Christiana Sandford of Mendon; settled in West Medway.
25. THOMAS, 1696; settled in Amherst.
26. SUSANNA, 1697; m. Nell Alexander, Killingly, Conn.
27. JEREMIAH, 1699; went to Brookfield.
28. ABRAHAM, 1701; also settled in Brookfield.
29. BETHIA, 1703; m. in 1728 Timothy Stearns of Framingham. Left a family.
30. PHINEAS, 1705-1756; resided in Medway; m. in 1731 Sarah Kingsbury of Needham; second, Mehitable —.
31. HANNAH, 1707; m. in 1730 Timothy Ellis (66); second, in 1739, William Richardson.
32. ESTHER, 1708.

33.

HENRY ADAMS was a son of Henry of Braintree, and was born in England in 1604. He came to Medfield with the little colony of Weymouth and Braintree people who settled Bridge Street. He at first took up a house lot with them, but in the summer of 1652 bought the mill that had been built by George Barber. He built a house on the site of that now standing on Elm Street, next to the brook. The mill was rebuilt in 1663-64 above the bridge. Traces of it are still plainly seen. This mill, together with the house, was destroyed by the Indians in Philip's war.

Besides being "lieutenant," or principal military officer of the town, he was the first town clerk. He was elected as one of the selectmen, and as representative to the General Court, repeatedly. He had extensive grants of land in various parts of the town, and was one of the petitioners for the incorporation of the town of Sherborn, having bought there a tract of two hundred and fifty acres, on which two of his sons settled. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Moses Paine of Braintree. He was slain by the Indians in the doorway of his own house on the morning of Feb. 21, 1676. His wife had remained at the house of Rev. Mr. Wilson, and so escaped the savages; but a few hours after their attack, while in a chamber over the doorway of the house, a gun, in the hands of one of the soldiers quartered here for the defence of the town, was accidentally discharged below; and the ball, penetrating the floor of the chamber, mortally wounded Mrs. Adams, and she died on the following night. Children:—

- +34. ELEAZAR, 1644.
- 35. JASPER, 1647-1742; died in Sherborn, "an aged bachelor." The lands he inherited were near the present village of Holliston. The hill known as "Jasper's Hill" was said to have been used by him as a spot whence signal fires could be seen by his friends in Medfield.
- 36. ELIZABETH, 1649-1727; m. in 1668 John Harding (2).
- 37. JOHN, 1652-1728; called "John Adams, miller"; died unmarried. It is thought he built the mill known to exist long ago near Foundry Street.
- 38. HENRY, 1652-1653.
- 39. MOSES, 1654-1729; m. in 1680 Mary Fairbanks; settled in Sherborn.
- +40. HENRY, 1657.
- 41. SAMUEL, 1661; died prior to 1682.

34.

ELEAZAR² (Henry¹) was born in Braintree. He built a house, prior to 1669, on the east side of the brook, near his father. His house was burned in Philip's war, and he was among those who appealed for aid from the State on account of their destitute condition. He rebuilt on the same site, and spent his life there. He served the town some ten years as selectman, and was its repre-

sentative in 1703. He and his wife were both in full communion at the time of Mr. Baxter's settlement, in 1697. He married Elizabeth Harding (3), who died in 1708. He died in 1710. Children :

42. ELIZABETH, 1672-1754; m. in 1695 Samuel Smith (18), who settled on the homestead.
43. ELEAZAR, 1674-75.

40.

HENRY² (Henry¹) had his father's place, and doubtless rebuilt the house. He was nineteen years of age when his father was slain, and was married at twenty-two. He was a man of prominence in town affairs. He was the first town treasurer, chosen in 1700; and he held the office for many years. He was also town clerk for several years, served as selectman eighteen years, and as representative thirteen years. He married in 1679 Prudence Frairy (9), who died in 1750, "having seen the fifth generation." He died in 1733. Children :—

44. PRUDENCE, 1683-1772; m. in 1702 Joseph Morse of Sherborn.
45. HANNAH, 1685-1775; m. in 1703 Edward Clark (29).
- +46. THOMAS, 1688.
47. JEREMIAH, 1691; m. in 1715 Rebecca, widow of John Fisher (12); second, Elizabeth —; admitted to full communion 1720; dismissed to church in Medway in 1749; died in 1772.
48. ELIZABETH, 1694-1766; m. in 1740 Solomon Clark (19); second, in 1756, Joseph Richardson (5).
49. SARAH, 1697-1725; m. Samuel Ellis (21).
- +50. HENRY, 1702.

46.

THOMAS³ (Henry,² Henry¹) settled near his father on South Plain. The homestead is now owned by heirs of Mr. Steele. He was one of the greatest land proprietors in town, and a man of extremely frugal and industrious habits. He appears to have had a house as early as 1715. He married Mary Ellis (19), who outlived him and died in 1778. He died in 1763. He had served as selectman several years. Children :—

51. MARY, 1714-1769; died unmarried. Her will gives her effects to children of her brother Thomas, excepting her clothing, which was given to the poor of the town.
52. HANNAH, 1712; m. in 1735 David Lovell (15).
- +53. THOMAS, 1725.

50.

HENRY³ (Henry,² Henry¹) retained the homestead. He held the office of coroner in 1744, and also served as selectman several

years. He married Jemima Morse (51), who died in 1785. He died in 1782. Children :—

54. AMOS, 1728-1775; graduated at Harvard in 1752; was minister at Roxbury, Mass.
55. SARAH, 1730; m. — Harding.
56. ELIZABETH, 1732-1733.
57. ENOCH, 1732; m. in 1763 Eunice Wight (76). He was chosen deacon in 1779, and served the town as treasurer, clerk, and selectman. He lived a portion of the time near the present poor-farm, in a house which stood between the roads. From 1764 to 1772 he lived on Green Street, near where James Griffin's house now stands. He had three children: Eunice, born 1768, received to communion in 1792; Enoch, born 1775, died 1782; and Oliver, born in 1777. The family removed to Milford about 1795.
58. ELIZABETH, 1736-1822; m. in 1760 Oliver Adams of Medway.
59. JEMIMA, 1740-1814; m. in 1764 Joseph Lovell of Medway.
60. LYDIA, 1741; m. in 1766 Deacon William Parkman of Townsend; was dismissed to the church in Concord in 1775.
- +61. ELIJAH, 1743.
62. KEZIAH, 1747-1811; m. in 1777 Dr. Josiah Holt of Farmington; was dismissed to church there in the same year.
63. SOPHIA, 1749-1826; m. in 1775 Deacon Esek Marsh of Holliston.
64. HENRY, 1754-1758.

53.

THOMAS⁴ (Thomas,³ Henry,² Henry¹) was sent to learning by his well-to-do father, and was remarkable for his literary proclivities through life; though, in the judgment of his more prosaic neighbors, he was deficient in the tact for dealing with the common affairs of life. He married in 1750 Elizabeth Clark (142). She died in 1767; and he married in 1768 Sarah Harris of Walpole, daughter of Nicolas. She died in 1826, aged seventy-four. He inherited his father's homestead, and died in 1812. He kept a diary of minute incidents from 1750 till the year of his death. The last entry is June 29, 1812, in two words, "Kept house," written in an unsteady hand. It was the beginning of his last illness, and he died a few days afterward. Children :—

65. HANNAH, 1751; died young.
66. BETTY, 1753-1789; unmarried.
67. HANNAH, 1755-1831; the distinguished authoress. She wrote *History of New England*, *Letters to my Nieces*, *Truth of the Christian Religion*, *History of the Jews*, and *Dictionary of Religions*. Her books were, some of them, published by subscription. The *Dictionary of Religions* went through four editions in this country, and was republished in England,—a very high honor in those days, when the English people scorned everything American. In writing her *History of New England*, she lost her



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eyesight, and was forced to cease literary labor for two years. She also failed to realize the returns for that work which might have been expected, a publisher bringing out a book at the same time of similar character. Though her friends felt that she had been grievously wronged by this action, she bore the injury with Christian patience.

In her later years, she resided in Boston; and a pension was settled upon her, to which most of the leading men of the city subscribed. Though a person of many oddities, yet she is entitled to be called the pioneer of feminine culture in America.

Her portrait was painted by Harding for the Boston Athenæum;

and she was buried at Mt. Auburn, being, it is said, the first who had that distinction.

- 68. LUCY, 1758; m. in 1777 Moses Hill of Gardner.
- 69. LEWIS, 1761-1835; unmarried; learned, but eccentric.
- 70. NEWTON, 1764-1844; left a family.
- +71. JOHN WICKLIFFE, 1773.
- 72. JAMES HARVEY, 1775; died on the coast of Africa.
- 73. MARY, 1784-1834; m. in 1808 Amasa Fiske of Wrentham.
- +74. GEORGE WHITEFIELD.

61.

ELIJAH⁴ (Henry,³ Henry,² Henry¹) inherited the homestead on mill brook. He received a commission as justice of the peace, the duties of which office he performed for many years. There was a certain stately formality in the transaction of business, however, which sometimes made him the innocent subject of jocular remark. He served five years as one of the selectmen. He married in 1766 Abigail Chenery (20), who died in 1824. He died in 1823. Children:—

- 75. SARAH, 1767-1831; m. in 1790 Calvin Turner (68).
- 76. REBECCA, 1768-1838; m. in 1797 John Smith (100).
- 77. ABIGAIL, 1770-1860; m. in 1799 Nathan Wight (110).

- 78. HENRY, 1771-1787.
- +79. ELIJAH, 1773.
- 80. ELISHA, 1774; resided in Dorchester.
- 81. AMOS, 1776.
- 82. PRUDENCE, 1778-1813; unmarried.
- 83. KEZIA, 1779-1779.
- 84. JEREMIAH, 1780-1804.
- 85. JOSEPH, 1782-1830; unmarried.
- 86. ELIZABETH, 1784-1784.
- 87. MARTHA, 1785-1859; unmarried.
- +88. HENRY, 1787.
- 89. CHARLES, 1789; resided in Boston.
- 90. ELIZABETH, 1791-1815; unmarried.

71.

JOHN WICKLIFFE⁵ (Thomas,⁴ Thomas,³ Henry,² Henry¹) settled on the homestead at South Plain. He was possessed of remarkable mechanical skill, as well as of a good education, and became one of the most useful citizens. He was a surveyor of land for many years. He established in 1811, at his homestead, the brush manufacturing business, a trade then little known in New England; and for a long time he conducted a thriving business. He served as town clerk and treasurer, and as a member of the board of selectmen for ten years. He was a successful schoolmaster, also. He married in 1805 Amy Ballou of Franklin, a woman of superior abilities, who died in 1826, aged forty-four; second, in 1829, Grace Holbrook of Sherborn, who died in 1866. In his later days, he sold the ancestral place, removed to the village, and occupied the house on Main Street now owned by Miss Sewall, where he busied himself, while his health permitted, with mechanical work. He died in 1870, at the age of ninety-seven. Children:—

- 91. MARY ANN, 1806-1814.
- 92. AMY B., 1808-1834; m. in 1830 Samuel Kingsbury, Jr., of Walpole; died at Brockport, N.Y.
- 93. HARRIET C., 1810-1836; m. in 1834 Walter Johnson of Woodstock, Conn.; died at Brockport, N.Y.
- +94. JOHN JAY, 1812.
- 95. JAMES M., 1816-1831.
- 96. SARAH A., 1823-1858; m. Joseph Andrews.
- 97. GEORGE W., 1826-1861; unmarried.

74

GEORGE WHITEFIELD⁵ (Thomas,⁴ Thomas,³ Henry,² Henry¹), after residing for some years away from town, returned in 1796, and bought a homestead on North Street, now owned by Lewis M. Richards. He carried on the manufacture of organs in a small way for a while. He went South as a teacher, and died at Savan-

nah in 1820. His wife was Polly Drown of Bristol, R.I.; married in 1793. Children:—

98. BETSEY, 1796-1797.
99. MARY D., 1800; m. James G. Carnes. She was at one time a teacher in the South.
100. THOMAS, 1805.
101. LUCIA, 1812; m. James G. Carnes as second wife.

79.

ELIJAH⁵ (Elijah,⁴ Henry,³ Henry,² Henry¹) shared the homestead with his brother, on which he spent his life as a farmer. He married in 1797 Lydia Smith of Walpole, who died in 1864, at the age of eighty-six. He died in 1849. Children:—

102. WYMAN, 1797; resided in Medway.
103. KEZIA, 1799; m. Nathan Harding of Medway.
104. MARIA, 1801; m. in 1827 J. F. Newell (2).
105. LYDIA, 1803-1807.
106. REBECCA, 1805; m. in 1835 Cyrus Daniels of Medway.
107. HENRY S., 1808-1826.
108. CHARLES, 1810; resided in Dedham.
109. LYDIA, 1813-1814.
110. ELIZABETH, 1815; m. in 1835 George Newell, Jr. (3).
- +111. LOWELL, 1819.
112. MARY ANN, 1822; m. in 1847 Elisha Meigs.

88.

HENRY⁵ (Elijah,⁴ Henry,³ Henry,² Henry¹) inherited a portion of the homestead, where he spent his life as a farmer. He married in 1824 Elizabeth Crane of Dorchester. He died in 1858. Children:—

113. AUGUSTA P., 1825.
114. WILLIAM H., 1828-1882; unmarried.
115. WALTER G., 1836-1837.

94.

JOHN JAY⁶ (John W.,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Thomas,³ Henry,² Henry¹), after teaching school for a short time, went to Taunton, and established himself in brush manufacturing. He soon removed to Boston, where, with the business energy and mechanical talent characteristic of the family, he developed and improved the manufacture, until his productions stood in the front rank. He afterward removed to New York, where he carried on a very extensive business for many years. Through all the cares and excitements of life in the great metropolis, he retained the liveliest regard for his native town; and, after relinquishment of active participation in business, he made his summer resort in Medfield, with his father, at his residence on Main Street. In 1875-76, he built an elegant mansion on North Street, near Dale. Soon after its completion,

an attack of what proved to be a fatal disease occurred, of which he died in 1879, while at his city residence in New York. He married, first, Phebe A. Allen of Amherst; second, Mrs. Harriet T. Bartlett. Children:—

- 116. AMY A., 1835; died young.
- 117. ADRIANA, 1837; m. Henry Savalla.
- 118. ALICE A., 1838; died young.

Two others, Mary and Lizzie, were born after his removal from Medfield, but died in infancy.

III.

LOWELL⁶ (Elijah,⁵ Elijah,⁴ Henry,³ Henry,² Henry¹) resides on a portion of the original farm, his house being a little to the westward of the old homestead. He married in 1850 Cally F. Harts-horn (21). Children:—

- 119. WARREN H., 1854; m. in 1879 Elizabeth F. Jewett.
- 120. EDWARD L., 1860.

121.

DANIEL⁶ (Daniel,⁵ Elisha,⁴ Jeremiah,³ Henry,² Henry¹) was born in 1779, son of Rev. Daniel Adams of Watertown and wife Silence Wight (79). He graduated from Harvard in 1799, and was educated for the law. In 1811, he bought a lot, corner of Main and South Streets, with an unfinished house, now owned by his daughter, Mrs. Fowle. His father died previous to his birth, and pre-natal influences seem to have induced a disposition to melancholy. His



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knowledge of law was good, though he did not often plead in the courts. He married Harriet Read, born in 1794, at Claremont, N.H., a grand-daughter of Thomas Mason and Mary Baxter of

Medfield. He served the town two terms as representative. He died in 1852, his widow in 1872. Children:—

- 122. DANIEL, 1817-1843.
 - 123. JOHN, 1821-1821.
 - 124. HARRIET, 1825-1844.
 - 125. MARY B., 1832; m. in 1860 William B. Fowle.
 - 126. HENRY N., 1835-1857.
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127.

JONATHAN ADAMS has been commonly supposed to be a son of Henry of Braintree, and brother of Edward, Henry, and Peter; but no mention is made of him in his father's will, and, in the absence of any documentary evidence, some genealogists have thought his lineage uncertain. One clause in the Medfield records, however, makes it clear. In grant No. 1101, he is called distinctly "the brother of Peter." He first appears in town about 1658. He had no grant of a house lot. His wife, Elizabeth, was, in all probability, daughter of John Fussell, who had already built on Bridge Street, and with whom he lived for a few years. He finally settled on the west side of the river. His house was burned by the Indians in 1676, and his name appears among the petitioners for aid from the General Court on account of their losses. He evidently rebuilt on the same spot (now known as the Joseph Adams place, in Millis); and he appears to have been in reduced circumstances for some years, as he had his town rates remitted in 1684-85. He died in 1690. Children:—

- 128. ELIZABETH, 1666-1718; m. John Partridge (46).
- 129. SARAH, 1667-1758; m. in 1710 John Rockwood (8).
- 130. Infant, 1669-1669.
- 131. JONATHAN, 1670-1670.
- +132. JONATHAN, 1671.
- 133. JASPER, 1673-1742; unmarried. He owned a farm on Boggestow Brook, which at his death was divided among the heirs of his four brothers and sisters.
- 134. LYDIA, m. in 1697 Joseph Daniel (8).

132.

JONATHAN² (Jonathan¹) inherited his father's estate, and lived in East Medway till his son, Captain Jonathan, came of age, when he removed to Medfield, and resided on the homestead now owned by heirs of Gershom Adams. In 1732, a deed was given by "Jonathan Adams, Sen., formerly of Medway, now of Medfield," of the homestead in Medway to his son Jonathan. He was appointed in 1742 to administer the estate of his brother Jasper, deceased, but did not complete the work on account of the fatal disease which came upon him,—cancer in the face.

Jonathan Adams was the first person residing within the limits of this town who is positively known to have held the views of the Baptist denomination. This is stated by Rev. Mr. Gair, who wrote

about the year 1776. He married in 1697 Thamazin Sheffield of Sherborn, who died in 1743. He died in 1744. Children:—

- 135. THAMAZIN, 1699; m. in 1719 Joseph Ellis (15).
- 136. HANNAH, 1702; m. in 1727 Jonathan Jones of Holliston.
- +137. EZEKIEL, 1705.
- 138. JONATHAN, 1709-1804; settled on his father's home place in East Medway.

137.

EZEKIEL³ (Jonathan,² Jonathan¹) probably removed to Medfield about 1736-37. The cellar of his house on Bridge Street is still visible, with the well and the large willow tree near it. He held the same denominational views as his father, and in 1751 presented a certificate showing him to be in regular membership in Mr. Bound's church in Boston. He served the town two years on the board of selectmen. He married in 1728 Bethia Parker, who died in 1739; second, in 1740, Lydia Lovell (22), who died in 1774. He was found dead in his field in 1777. Children:—

- 140. { THAMERSON, 1733; m. in 1758 Nathaniel Smith of Natick.
- 141. { SARAH, 1733-1806; m. in 1778 Nathan Ellis (41).
- 142. EZEKIEL, 1735; m. in 1770 Ruth Eames of Hopkinton; had one son, Jasper, in 1771.
- 143. BETHIA, 1738; probably died young.
- 144. SILENCE, 1741-1741.
- +145. NATHAN, 1742.
- 146. GERSHOM, 1744-1744.
- +147. GERSHOM, 1745.

139

OLIVER⁵ (Oliver,⁴ Jonathan,³ Jonathan,² Jonathan¹) was born in Medway in 1762, and came to Medfield about 1783, having bought the buildings, tanyard, etc., formerly belonging to Samuel Hinsdale, located near the corner of Railroad and West Mill Streets. He married in 1787 Ame Ellis (47). He sold out in 1798, and removed from town. Children:—

- 148. ORION, 1788.
- 149. OLIVER, 1790.

145.

NATHAN⁴ (Ezekiel,³ Jonathan,² Jonathan¹) inherited his father's house and a part of the homestead. He served as selectman for several years, and was a man of superior abilities, though at last intemperate. He married Margaret Cooledge (12), who died in 1774; second, in 1781, Abigail Bullen (44), who survived him. He died in 1794. Children:—

- 150. MARGARET C., 1774-1844; "orphaned at her birth." She m. in 1794 Obed Ellis (106).
- 151. ABIGAIL, 1782-1805; m. in 1802 Gershom Wheelock (53).
- 152. NATHAN, 1786-1786.
- 153. LYDIA, 1787-1816; m. Lemuel K. Brastow (4).

147.

GERSHOM⁴ (Ezekiel,³ Jonathan,² Jonathan¹) had a share in his father's farm, and took the house west of his brother's, probably owned by his grandfather Jonathan. He was a carpenter by trade; and he was one of the best in that handicraft, as well as a man of great industry and remarkable physical endurance. When the Endicott mansion in Boston was built, he was employed upon it. He was wont to rise on Monday morning and walk to Boston by starlight, arriving in season to commence his day's work with the rest. At the completion of his Saturday's work, he would walk back to Medfield, reaching home about midnight. By a life of such diligence and frugality, he was able to amass a very considerable property. He married in 1778 Prudence Bullen (42), who died in 1816. He died in 1834. Children:—

- 154. PRUDENCE, 1778-1791.
- 155. GERSHOM, 1782-1785.
- 156. EDWARD, 1784-1784.
- 157. PRUDENCE, 1786-1810; m. in 1808 Charles Wight (113).
- +158. GERSHOM, 1793.

158.

GERSHOM⁵ (Gershom,⁴ Ezekiel,³ Jonathan,² Jonathan¹) settled on his father's place, where he spent his life as a farmer. His genial character is well remembered by all who knew him. He married in 1813 Abigail Allen (99). He died in 1870. Children:

- 159. GEORGE F., 1820; m. in 1841 Martha A. Barker of Cambridge. After residing in Waltham and Acton for a few years, he came to Medfield in 1845, and lived on the old place till about 1853, when he commenced the study of medicine in Boston. After completing his course, he located in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he practised till 1861, when he went to the war, and was surgeon in the Sixty-seventh New York Regiment. After serving three years, he returned, and about 1866 established Turkish baths in Boston, remaining there till 1869, when he went into a similar business in St. Louis. In 1886, he returned to Medfield. Has one son living, Charles F., who is a physician.
- 160. CHARLES E., 1822; m. in 1848 Jane Furman; resides in New York.
- 161. JOHN Q., 1824-1873; unmarried.
- 162. JAMES M., 1827-1846.
- 163. ROBERT B., 1834-1842.

164.

PETER ADAMS was the son of Henry Adams of Braintree, and is mentioned in his will in 1646. He came here about 1652, and settled on Bridge Street, near the "Bottom road." His house

was on the west side of the street. His wife Rachel and his son John came with him. His family, in 1652, is described as consisting of three persons; and he drew land accordingly. His house was burned by the Indians, and he was one of the signers of the petition to the General Court for aid. He died in 1690. Children:

- 165. JOHN, m. in 1677 Dorcas Dwight, widow of Timothy. He was here in 1707, after which he is supposed to have removed to Ipswich.
- 166. RACHEL, m. in 1671 George Fairbanks (3); died 1678.
- +167. PETER, 1653.
- 168. HANNAH, 1655-1746; m. in 1674 John Fisher (26); second, in 1730, Joseph Metcalf (5).
- 169. MARY, 1661-1704; unmarried.
- 170. JONATHAN, 1663-1664.
- 171. RUTH, 1665; was living in 1690.
- +172. JOSEPH, 1668.
- +173. SAMUEL, 1671.
- 174. HENRY, 1673; probably died in childhood.

167.

PETER² (Peter¹) at the division of his father's estate took lands on the west side of Charles River, where he settled. He was prominent in the organization of the town of Medway. He and his wife were in full communion here at an early date, and he was one of the first deacons of the Medway church. The first preaching service in that town was held at his house, and it is said he called the people together by the old drum that he had brought back from the Indian wars. In 1699, he received £2 9s. 11d. for his wife's keeping school. His wife is said to have been Experience Cook; married in 1680. He died in 1723. Children:—

- 175. RACHEL, 1680-1758; m. in 1706 Samuel Hill (9).
- 176. EXPERIENCE, 1682-1682.
- 177. PETER, 1684; m. in 1710 Sarah Hill (10); settled in Wrentham, now Franklin.
- 178. JOSEPH, 1687-1755; inherited the homestead, and at his death gave it to his sister's son, Nathan Daniel, whom he "had brought up from a child."
- 179. CATHERINE, 1689; m. Joseph Ellis (9).
- 180. EBENEZER, 1693.
- 181. EXPERIENCE, 1696-1731; m. Samuel Daniel.
- 182. GEORGE, 1699; m. in 1723 Sarah Partridge (63); settled in Wrentham.

172.

JOSEPH² (Peter¹) settled in Medfield at first. He "owned the covenant" in 1709, held town office in 1720, and sold his house, barn, and land to James Gerauld in 1721. The estate was bounded east by Dedham line, separating it from land of John Bullard; south, by common land between the house and the county road. His house stood on what is now the Dedham road, a short dis-

tance east of the stone mill. After selling his place, Joseph with his family removed to Canterbury, Conn. Children :—

- 183. MARY, 1705.
- 184. JOSEPH, 1707.
- 185. RACHEL, 1708.
- 186. HANNAH, 1711.
- 187. RUTH, 1712.
- 188. { ABIGAIL, 1716.
- 189. { EXPERIENCE, 1716.

173.

SAMUEL² (Peter¹) was called "cordwainer" at the time of the settlement of his sister's estate in 1704, and in the probate papers. The record of his death on the town books makes him "Doct. Samuel Adams." The tombstone bearing the same date makes him only "Mr." He was sometimes known as Samuel, Sen. He married in 1703 Sarah Sabin (7), who died in 1704; and he appears to have never remarried. The settlement of his estate mentions no homestead, though he had received some grants of land in the north part of the town. His son-in-law, Samuel Ellis, was appointed his administrator.

That he practised medicine to some extent is shown by the following receipt which is preserved :—

May 4, 1720.

Received of Abraham Harding of Medfield in full for physick and visets unto his father John Harding In the time of his sickness The just sum of one pound and four shillings to my full content and satisfaction. I say received by me

SAMUEL ADAMS of Medfield.

The following recipes of Dr. Samuel Adams have been found in an old memorandum book :—

For to make a good stomach; take Rhubarb and currants, a handful of currants, and beat them together very small, and then you may make a pill of them as big as a wolnut tak in the morning.

Another for strangury :—

Take nine bees and put them into ber alive till they die, and drink that ber in the morning.

"Dr." Adams died in 1731. Daughter :—

- 190. SARAH, 1704-1733; m. Samuel Ellis (62).

191.

JOHN ADAMS was married to Michal Bloice of Watertown in 1685. Nothing is known of the lineage of this John, but it is probable that he was of Watertown. Bond speaks of a John Adams of Medfield, who sold land in Watertown in 1692. This

was at the time John, husband of Michal, was residing in this town. There is no record of the death of either of them here, and there is no indication of the time of their removal or the place whither they went. Children:—

192. SAMUEL, 1685; m. in 1700 Mary Plimpton; had one son born here, Joshua, in 1710.
 193. MARY, 1687.
 194. PATIENCE, 1690-1698.
 195. RUTH, 1691.
 196. JOSIAH, 1693-1694.
 197. JOHN, 1695.
 198. ISAAC, 1698.
 199. RICHARD, 1699.
 200. JOSHUA, 1701-1706.
 201. ABIGAIL, 1703-1706.
 202. BETHIA, 1705-1706.
 203. MICHAEL, 1707. A Michael Adams was here about 1745.
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204.

DARIUS ADAMS, son of George of Franklin, was born in 1770, and came to this town about 1794. He married in 1796 Julia Ellis (48), and resided upon her father's homestead until 1810, when he removed to Richmond, N.H., where he died in 1812. His widow died at Medford in 1862. Children:—

205. DARIUS E., 1797-1797.
 206. JULIA, 1799.
 207. OBED E., 1801-1880; a merchant in Boston.
 208. SIMEON P., 1803-1880; a merchant in Boston.
 209. SARAH, 1805-1849.
 210. OLIVER E., 1809-1816.
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211.

JOHN WADSWORTH ADAMS⁷ (John,⁶ Andrew,⁵ John,⁴ Edward,³ John,² Edward¹) was born at Barnard, Vt., in 1788. He came here about 1810, and married Hannah Dean of Dover. He died in 1816, his widow in 1854. He was said to be a baker by trade, and at one time owned a small house on Farm Street. Daughter:

212. ELIZABETH, 1812; m. in 1854 Elijah Clark of Medway.

ALBEE.

BENJAMIN ALBEE (or Alby) was a grantee in Braintree in 1640. He was a carpenter by trade; came to Medfield among the earliest settlers. He was a member of the first board of selectmen, and served in that office several times afterward. He was a measurer of land, sealer of weights and measures, and in 1659 commissioner. His first house lot seems to have been near Brastow's

bridge. Whether he built there is uncertain. He sold his estate in Braintree in 1657, and about the same time seems to have bought Thomas Grubb's homestead, near the corner of Main and Bridge Streets. He was living there in 1660; but, in 1663, William Cheney had succeeded him, and Benjamin Alby had a "new house." Where it was is not easy to determine. He received a grant of a house lot in Mendon in 1660. In 1662, he was one of the petitioners for the town of Sherborn. A Benjamin Alby was among the constituent members of the Baptist church in Swansea in 1663. It is said that several members of that church lived in the region of Bellingham and Mendon. After 1669, he disappears from our records, having removed to Mendon, where he was a measurer of land, and owned a grist mill which was burned by the Indians. Children:—

2. JOHN, m. in 1671 Jane Holbrook; died in Mendon in 1675.
 3. JAMES, m. in 1671 Hannah Cook; had two children, Lydia, 1675, and John, 1678.
 4. PRUDENCE, m. in 1664 Thomas Barnes.
 5. LYDIA, m. in 1658 Alexander Lovel (1).
 6. HANNAH, m. in 1663 Samuel Wight (6).
 7. SARAH, 1653; born in Medfield.
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8.

ASA ALBEE came to this town about 1770. He was born in 1742, but the place of his birth and his lineage have not been ascertained. He married Sarah Perry (7), who died in 1800. He lived on North Street, near the spot now occupied by the house of Lewis M. Richards, though he sold his place some time before his death, becoming so reduced in circumstances at last as to be a public charge. In 1785, he was appointed sealer of weights and measures, and in 1812 surveyor of lumber. He died in 1826. Son of Asa and Sarah (Perry) Albee:—

9. AMOS, 1772. He was a musician of some local celebrity. He and his wife Judith were dismissed from the Medfield church to that in Watertown in 1820. They had three children here: Diantha, married in South Boston; Sarah P., born in 1808; and a son, name unknown. Amos Albee kept school here 1796-7-8.

ALLEN.

JAMES ALLEN came to Dedham about 1637. He was a proprietor there in 1642, and took the freeman's oath in 1647. In the will of Rev. John Allen of Dedham, he mentions his cousin, James Allen of Medfield. The term "cousin" in those days signified nephew. This is all the clew to his lineage thus far discovered. He came to Medfield with the first thirteen settlers, and drew his house lot on South Street, near where Mr. Rhodes' house now stands. It is certain that he was living there in 1660; and he

probably continued his residence on that spot several years later, if not to the close of his life. There are some indications, however, that he conveyed the place to his son Nathaniel at his majority, and owned another house, which he gave in his will to his son-in-law, Joseph Clark, Jr. There is a tradition that a family of Allens lived near the grist mill on Spring Street. About 1653, he received a grant of land, six acres, in the north part of the town, bounded west by a "stony winter brook." This was near the house lot afterward granted to his son Joseph. He had also lands in various parts of the town and on both sides of the river.

He married in 1638 at Dedham Ann Guild, who died in 1673. He died in 1676. Children :—

2. JOHN, 1639-1696; probably unmarried.
3. { MARY, 1641-1702; m. in 1663 Joseph Clark (2).
4. { MARTHA, 1641; m. in 1663 William Sabin (1).
5. SARAH, 1644-1715; m. Domingo White of Lynn; died in Medfield.
6. JAMES, 1646-1691; m. in 1673 Lydia Adams (2). He had no children. His house was burned by the Indians, and he was one of the petitioners for aid on that account. His house, it is supposed, was rebuilt; but its location is unknown. It was evidently in the south part of the town.
- +7. NATHANIEL, 1648.
- +8. JOSEPH, 1652.

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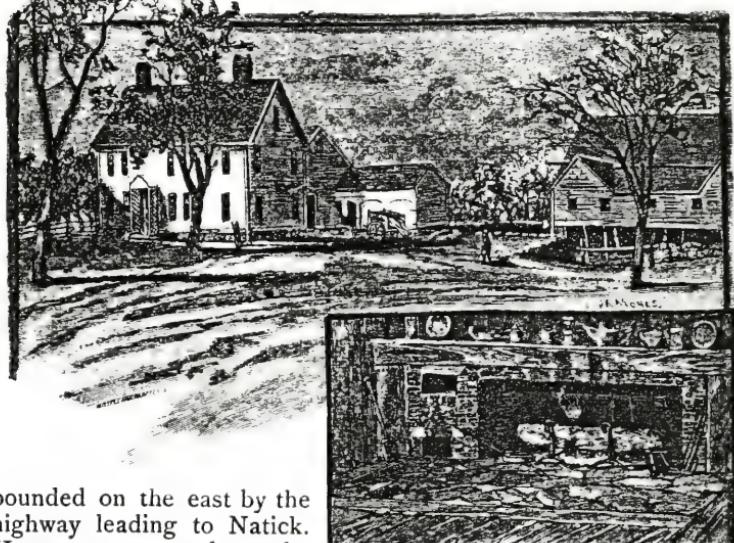
NATHANIEL² (James¹) settled on the original Allen homestead on South Street. His first wife was Mary Sabin (4). William Sabin mentions in his will, 1687, his grandchild, Samuel Allen, to be paid a legacy by Nathaniel Allen out of a debt owed to the estate by him. Mary died in 1674; and he was married in Boston, by Governor Leverett, to Mary Frizzell in 1677. He died in 1718, his wife in 1746. Both were members of the church, in full communion in 1697. Children :—

9. SAMUEL, 1674; was living at time of his father's death.
10. NATHANIEL, 1678-1760; was unmarried; lived on his father's place, which he gave at his death to Abijah Baker (2), who married his niece.
- +11. JAMES, 1679.
12. JOHN, 1682-1751. He settled in the south part of the town, on the estate now owned by Bonney Brothers. His father had received in 1689 a grant of land on the east side of the way leading to Stop River, and other members of the family had also grants in that vicinity. John had received his portion before his father's death. He married in 1709 Mehitable Rockwood (23), and probably located in the south end about that time. He was surveyor in 1714. He had no children, and at his death gave his farm to John, son of his brother James.
13. MARY, 1685; m. in 1725 Zechariah Barber (23); and, second, William Mann of Wrentham.

14. ANN, 1687 ; m. in 1719 Ebenezer Hill of Wrentham.
15. EBENEZER, 1694 ; m. in 1719 Ann Hill ; settled in Medway.
16. SARAH, 1697-1698.
17. BENJAMIN, 1701 ; sold his rights in his father's estate to brother John, and settled in Lambstown in Worcester County.

8.

JOSEPH² (James¹) took his house lot in the north part of the town, ever since known as the "Allen place." In 1673, when he was twenty-one years of age, he had a grant of two parcels of land; one lying between his father's land below Samuel Wight's and the road leading to Goodman Morse's, and the other between lands of James Allen and Samuel Wight,



bounded on the east by the highway leading to Natick. He was a cooper by trade, though following farming

largely. His house and shop were erected before Philip's war; and the family tradition has it that the Indians took shavings from the shop and lighted them on the floor of the house, but, being upon a trap-door leading to the cellar, it fell through as it burned, and the flames were extinguished. Joseph Allen's name does not appear among the petitioners for aid in consequence of losses. All the other buildings in that part of the town were destroyed.

He married in 1673 Hannah Sabin (6). She died in 1730. Joseph died in 1703. His will was not presented for probate till 1720, when his youngest son Nehemiah came of age. He and his wife were members in full communion at the time of Mr.

Baxter's settlement. Joseph held the office of sealer of weights and measures in 1688. Children :—

- +18. JOSEPH, 1676.
- 19. HANNAH, 1679; m. in 1705 Benoni Twichell (8).
- 20. DANIEL, 1681; settled in Pomfret, Conn.
- 21. DAVID, 1683; settled in Ashford, Conn.
- +22. NOAH, 1685.
- 23. ELEAZAR, 1688-1759; m. Mary Battle of Dedham in 1712. He settled on a tract of land, now in the southerly part of Dover, that his father had purchased. His children were: Eleazar, Jr., who inherited his farm; Obadiah, settled in Wrentham; Samuel, who married in 1747 Abigail Smith (64), and also settled in Wrentham; Mary, who married in 1734 Samuel Richardson of Medway; and Esther, who married Pelatiah Morse (104).
- 24. JEREMIAH, 1690.
- 25. HEZEKIAH, 1692; after leaving Medfield, resided for a while in Weston, and then became the owner of a large tract of land in Dover. He married Mary Draper of Dedham in 1722. He was dismissed from Medfield church to the church in Natick in 1743.
- 26. ABIGAIL, 1694; m. Ebenezer Battle.
- 27. NEHEMIAH, 1699. He sold his rights in the homestead to his brother Noah. Nehemiah and wife, Mary Parker, were in Sherborn 1723-1741; in Sturbridge in 1745.

NOTE.—It is said that there were two daughters of Joseph and Hannah, of whom no record is found.

III.

JAMES³ (Nathaniel,² James¹) settled on the west side of the river, on lands received by his father's will. He married Rebecca Turner (16). He died in 1739. Children :—

- 28. JAMES, 1710.
- +29. JOHN, 1712.
- 30. SARAH, m. — Partridge.
- 31. ABIGAIL.
- 32. REBECCA.

18.

JOSEPH³ (Joseph,² James¹) settled on North Street, near Dover line. He married in 1701 Miriam Wight (26). He died in 1727. Children :—

- +33. JOSEPH, 1702.
- 34. MIRIAM, 1704; m. in 1732 Daniel Thurston of Marlboro, afterward of Sturbridge.
- 35. MOSES, 1708; went to Sturbridge.
- 36. LYDIA, 1714.
- 37. AARON, 1715; m. Hannah —; was in Sturbridge in 1740; lived previously in Dedham.

22.

NOAH³ (Joseph,² James¹) had the homestead at the north part of the town, buying the rights of his brother Nehemiah and prob-

ably of the other heirs. He was appointed sealer of weights and measures in 1714. He married in 1714 Sarah, daughter of Jonathan Gay of Needham, who was a woman of more than ordinary ability and energy. After her husband became hopelessly though harmlessly insane, the entire care of the family and the management of the estate devolved upon her until her sons were old enough to assume the burden. Noah died in 1754; his wife, in 1782, at the age of ninety. Children:—

- 38. SARAH, 1715-1742; m. in 1732 Joshua Boyden (20).
- 39. THANKFUL, 1717-1760; m. in 1742 Seth Clark (74).
- +40. NOAH, 1719.
- 41. JEREMIAH, 1721; perhaps the Jeremy Allen who lived on North Street, near Dover, and died in 1777.
- +42. ELIJAH, 1722.
- 43. SYBIL, 1724-1753; m. in 1749 Silvanus Plimpton (46).
- +44. JONATHAN, 1726.

29.

JOHN⁴ (James,³ Nathaniel,² James¹) became heir to the estate of his uncle in the south part of the town. He married in 1743, before his removal to Medfield, Huldah Hill, who died in 1798, aged eighty. His uncle died in 1751; and he came to this town after that event, as the first three of his children were born in Medway. He died in 1778. Children:—

- 45. JESSE, 1744.
- 46. JOHN, 1747.
- 47. HANNAH, 1751-1767.
- 48. ELIAKIM, 1754-1819; m. in 1779 Mary Johnson of Franklin. He seems to have received the sympathy of the townsmen in his poverty and misfortunes. In 1787, his tax was abated; and he had liberty to cut wood on the town's land. In 1795, he was permitted by vote of the town to set a house on the town land, with the privilege of improving a garden. The house stood on the spot where that of R. A. Battelle now stands. In 1797, the town voted him \$15 "to help him in his present disability." He had suffered the loss of an arm. The same help was extended to him in subsequent years.
- +49. JAMES, 1756.
- 50. MARY, 1759-1821; unmarried.
- 51. AMOS, 1761; m. in 1784 Susanna Everett. Four children are recorded: Charlotte, 1786; Hannah, 1789; Joseph, 1791; Charles, born in Walpole in 1801.
- 52. FINIS, 1765-1821; unmarried.

33.

JOSEPH⁴ (Joseph,³ Joseph,² James¹) at the death of his father came into possession of his estate. He sold in 1729 a pasture of five acres to John Cutler, lying near Cutler's house. He probably sold out the rest of the estate soon after, as in 1738 he and his

wife were dismissed to the church in Sturbridge. He married Abigail Gold, who died in 1727; second, Sarah Parker. Children:—

- 53. ABIGAIL, 1727.
- 54. ASA, 1729.
- 55. AZUBAH, 1731-1731.
- 56. OLIVE, 1732.
- 57. JOSEPH, 1734.

40.

NOAH⁴ (Noah,³ Joseph,² James¹) succeeded to the possession of the homestead. His first wife was Miriam Fisher (42), who died in 1757. He married, second, in 1761 Abigail Ellis (29), who died in 1764; third, in 1766, Sybil, widow of Elisha Smith (53). Noah died in 1804. He was selectman in 1766-67 and 1775. Children:—

- +58. ASAHEL, 1744.
- +59. FISHER, 1747.
- +60. SILAS, 1749.
- 61. GAD, 1751-1751.
- +62. NATHAN, 1753.
- 63. MIRIAM, 1762; m. in 1786 Lieutenant Seth Kingsbury of Walpole.
- +64. PHINEAS, 1764.

42.

ELIJAH⁴ (Noah,³ Joseph,² James¹) settled in the extreme north part of the town, where John Newell now lives. He was a housewright by trade. He married in 1754 Sarah Morse (65), then in her fifteenth year. He died in 1792, having become insane for some years before his death. Children:—

- 65. SARAH, 1755; m. in 1778 Philip Blake of Wrentham, who had resided in town for some years, but returned to Wrentham or Franklin after his marriage. Sarah died in 1795.
- 66. SYBIL, 1757; m. in 1781 Rufus Mann (13).
- 67. CATHARINE, 1759; m. in 1780 John Hartshorn of Walpole.
- 68. THANKFUL, 1761-1784; m. in 1780 John Bullard (46).
- 69. ABIGAIL, 1771; m. in 1792 Noah Daniels (24).

44.

JONATHAN⁴ (Noah,³ Joseph,² James¹) was a cooper by trade. A maiden lady, Mary Wight (36), by her will in 1753 gave her homestead to her "friend, Jonathan Allen." The place is now occupied by William C. Allen. He married in 1752 Sarah Ellis (70), who died in 1771; second, in 1772, Abigail Harding (45). He served as selectman in 1771-73. He died in 1807. Children:—

- 70. JONATHAN, 1759-1759.
- +71. OLIVER, 1762.
- 72. JOHN, m. in 1789 Amy P. Harding (71).
- 73. OLIVE, 1775; m. in 1795 Aaron Clark (219).
- 74. ABIGAIL, 1777; m. in 1801 Phinehas Partridge of Franklin.

49.

JAMES⁵ (John,⁴ James,³ Nathaniel,² James¹) settled on his father's homestead on South Street, at the foot of Rocky Lane. He married in 1779 Mary Cheney (59), who died in 1825. He died in 1835. Children:—

- 75. NANCY, 1781-1865; unmarried.
- 76. POLLY, 1782-1855; m. in 1807 John Kingsbury (2).
- 77. ALEXANDER, 1784-1785.
- +78. JOHN, 1786.
- 79. OLIVE, 1793-1874; unmarried.

58.

ASAHEL⁵ (Noah,⁴ Noah,³ Joseph,² James¹) was a joiner by trade, and lived on Farm Street, in a house that stood a little south of B. F. Shumway's, on the west side of the road. He sold this house to his brother Silas in 1776. He married in 1775 Patience Richardson, probably daughter of Daniel of Medway, where she died in 1792. He died in 1784. Children:—

- 80. DAVID, 1777-1857; resided in Leominster.
- 81. JEREMIAH, 1778-1862; m. Mary Kingsbury of Needham; lived in West Newton.
- 82. JONATHAN, 1780; drowned at Paris, Me., in 1815.
- 83. PATIENCE, 1784; m. Calvin Jocelyn of Leominster.

59.

FISHER⁵ (Noah,⁴ Noah,³ Joseph,² James¹) inherited the estate of his grandfather Josiah Fisher (32) of Dover, who had no sons. He married in 1771 Rachel Smith (87), who died in 1829. He died in 1842, at the age of ninety-five. Children:—

- 84. MIRIAM, 1772; m. Daniel Kingsbury of Walpole.
- 85. ABIGAIL, 1774; m. Nathaniel Fisk of Holliston, whose son Noah inherited the homestead.
- 86. RACHEL, 1779; m. Daniel Mann of Dover.

60.

SILAS⁵ (Noah,⁴ Noah,³ Joseph,² James¹) was a cooper, like many others of the family. He bought out his brother Asahel in 1776. He married in 1772 Priscilla Plimpton (69). He sold his place in 1791, and removed to Shrewsbury, where he died in 1824. Children:—

- 87. ELIZABETH C., 1773-1863; m. Ephraim Hapgood.
- 88. ASAHEL, 1775; m. Lucy Hemmenway, and, second, Mary J. Parker, both of Shrewsbury. He died in Wisconsin in 1866.
- 89. SIMON, 1777-1785.
- 90. NOAH, 1779-1845; resided in Shrewsbury.

62

NATHAN⁵ (Noah,⁴ Noah,³ Joseph,² James¹) settled in the north part of the town, where William Q. Fisher lately lived. He married in 1779 Anne Smith (88), who died in 1827. Nathan served on the board of selectmen in 1794 and in 1800-01. He died in 1848. Children:—

- 91. ANNE, 1780-1870; m. in 1801 Quincy Fisher (51).
- +92. OBED, 1782.
- +93. NATHAN, 1784.

64.

PHINEAS⁵ (Noah,⁴ Noah,³ Joseph,² James¹) inherited his father's homestead. He was a selectman in 1810, 1822; chosen deacon of the Unitarian church in 1828. He married in 1787 Ruth Smith, born 1769, daughter of Asa (44). She died in 1832; and he married, second, Eliza Turner of Boston. At the age of sixteen, he enlisted in the Continental Army, and was at West Point at the time of Arnold's treachery and the execution of Major André. He shared in the hardships of our army in "the Jerseys." He returned at the close of the war in miserable plight, having travelled the whole distance of two or three hundred miles on foot. Children:—

- 94. ABIGAIL, 1788-1796.
- +95. JOSEPH, 1790.
- +96. ELLIS, 1792.
- 97. SILAS, 1795.
- 98. ASA S., 1797; m. Lydia Kingsbury of Walpole; second, Martha J. Camp. Is a clergyman, and has been settled in several places.
- 99. ABIGAIL, 1799; m. in 1818 Gershom Adams (158).
- 100. PHINEAS, 1801; graduated at Harvard College in 1825; m. in 1828 Clarissa Fiske (10.) Has been principal of academies at Concord and Northfield; also, teacher of Spanish in the Allen School at West Newton.
- +101. NOAH, 1801.

71.

OLIVER⁵ (Jonathan,⁴ Noah,³ Joseph,² James¹) settled upon his father's homestead. He married in 1793 Sarah Allen (177), whom he very soon left a widow, dying in 1795. Son:—

- +102. WILLARD, 1794.

78.

JOHN⁶ (James,⁵ John,⁴ James,³ Nathaniel,² James¹) built a house on a part of his father's farm. He died before his father, who at his decease gave the house and some lands to the heirs of John. He married in 1817 Amanda Learned, who died in 1823; second, in 1825, Sally Chickering. He died in 1832. His widow died in 1865, aged seventy. Children:—

- 103. HARRIET, 1818-1855; unmarried.
- 104. ELIZA W., 1819.
- 105. ABIGAIL, 1820.
- 106. JOHN W., 1826; resides in West Dedham.

OBED¹ (Nathan,⁵ Noah,⁴ Noah,³ Joseph,² James¹) bought the estate formerly Elijah Allen's, now owned by John Newell, his grandson. He married in 1806 Caroline Harding (69), who died in 1863. He was commissioned as captain in 1812, major in 1814, and lieutenant-colonel in 1815. He served the town as a selectman fourteen years, as treasurer five years, and was schoolmaster 1804-12. He died in 1869. Children:—

- 107. CAROLINE, 1806; m. in 1832 John A. Newell of Dover.
- 108. OBED, 1808; m. Betsey Newell of Dover; died at Pondville in 1872.

NATHAN⁶ (Nathan,⁵ Noah,⁴ Noah,³ Joseph,² James¹) resided for several years in Medfield, and at one time carried on the business of butchering and of baking on the corner of North and Green Streets. He was unsuccessful in both, and removed to Dedham. He married Catherine Fisher (80) in 1808. Children:—

- 109. CATHERINE H., 1810; m. W. H. Spear of Plymouth.
- 110. FISHER, 1812.
- 111. MARY A., 1816; m. Dr. James Aldrich of Fall River.
- 112. LOUISA, 1819; was a teacher in Plymouth.
- 113. LUCY M., 1824-1852.
- 114. ALFRED, 1827.

JOSEPH⁶ (Phineas,⁵ Noah,⁴ Noah,³ Joseph,² James¹) was educated at Harvard College, graduating in 1811. He was a Unitarian clergyman, and was settled for many years at Northboro. He married in 1818 Lucy C., daughter of Dr. Henry Ware, Sen. He died in 1874. Children:—

- 115. MARY W., 1819; m. in 1840 Dr. J. J. Johnson of Northboro.
- 116. JOSEPH H., 1820; m. in 1845 Anna M. Weld of Jamaica Plain.
- 117. THOMAS PRENTISS, 1822-1868; m. in 1846 Sarah A. Lord of Northfield.
- 118. ELIZABETH W., 1824.
- 119. LUCY C., 1826; m. in 1857 Albert E. Powers.
- 120. EDWARD A. H., 1828; m. in 1855 Eugenia S. Teulon.
- 121. WILLIAM F., 1830; m. in 1862 Mary T. Lambert; second, in 1868, Margaret L. Andrews.

ELLIS⁶ (Phineas,⁵ Noah,⁴ Noah,³ Joseph,² James¹) lived upon the Allen homestead, near Castle Hill. The longevity of this family is something remarkable, developed through several generations,—“neither so wealthy as to tempt to idleness or dissipation, or so poor as to debar from healthful social enjoyments and good living.” Death did not enter this circle of brothers and sisters for the period of seventy-eight years. Neither were his children

called to mourn the death of parent, brother, or sister for over fifty years. While carrying on the work of his farm, he yet interested himself in all the leading questions of the times. He was one of the first in this town to advocate anti-slavery principles. Mr. Garrison thus wrote of him: "I shall always hold him in remembrance as one of the tried and true of the old 'Guard of Freedom,' whose feet were planted upon the everlasting rock, in whose daily walk were exemplified the patience of hope and the labors of love, who could make no compromise with a time-serving expediency, who was ready to stand in the gap according to the exigency of the hour, and whose faith and courage never faltered as to the triumph of the righteous cause. That triumph he happily lived to witness."

He married in 1814 Lucy Lane of Scituate. During his last years, he resided with his sons at West Newton, where he died in 1875. Children:—

- +122. WILLIAM C., 1815.
- 123. GEORGE E., 1817; m. Susan M. Treat of Waltham; resides at West Newton.
- 124. JOSEPH A., 1819; m. Lucy T. Burt.
- 125. LUCY M., 1821; m. in 1842 James Davis of Northboro.
- 126. NATHANIEL T., 1823; m. Caroline S. Bassett; resides at West Newton.
- 127. FANNY L., 1825-1831.
- 128. ABBY E., 1828; m. in 1852 Charles D. Davis.
- 129. JAMES T., 1831; m. in 1860 Caroline A. Kittridge; resides in West Newton.

101.

NOAH⁶ (Phineas,⁵ Noah,⁴ Noah,³ Joseph,² James¹) settled upon the place he now occupies, which formerly belonged to the family



ELLIS ALLEN.

of John Wight. He married Paulina S., daughter of Ruggles Whiting of Dover. Children: —

130. LUCIUS W., 1835-1880; m. in 1864 Almira F. Leeds; second, in 1876, May Barber.
131. HELEN L., 1838.
132. SARAH P., 1842; m. in 1865 Jerome S. Daniels.

102.

WILLARD⁶ (Oliver,⁵ Jonathan,⁴ Noah,³ Joseph,² James¹) lived on the place owned by his father and grandfather. He married in 1818 Charlotte Hill (26), who died in 1855. He died in 1856. Children: —

133. WILLARD I., 1820-1883; resided in Milford.
134. RUEL C., 1822-1858.
135. OLIVER J., 1825; m. Sarah A. Wild, who died in 1863; second, in 1867, Susan O. Partridge, who died in 1876.
136. SARAH A., 1827; m. Prentiss Leland of Sherborn; second, Phineas Willard.
137. ALBERT S., 1842; m. Lizzie Whitten; lives in Milford.

122

WILLIAM C.⁷ (Ellis,⁶ Phineas,⁵ Noah,⁴ Noah,³ Joseph,² James¹) married Harriet Coggins of Mount Vernon, N.H., who died in 1865; second, in 1882, Abbie B. Kern. Children: —

138. WILLIAM C., 1844-1885; died in the South, leaving six children.
139. GEORGE E., 1846.
140. CHARLES T., 1848.
141. HARRIET G., 1850-1876.
142. NATHANIEL T., 1852-1872.
143. ALPHONSO L., 1854.
144. FRANCIS S., 1855.
145. JAMES F., 1858; m. in 1878 Mary E. Kern.
146. FANNY L., 1860.
147. JOSEPH E., 1862; m. in 1886 Charlotte B. Dyer.

148

WILLIAM PITTS⁵ (Hezekiah,⁴ Hezekiah,³ Joseph,² James¹) was born in Dover in 1777. He married in 1799 Keziah Mason (63), and removed to Medfield about 1798 to live with his wife's father, then in advanced age. He had an eccentric and somewhat foolish brother-in-law, Ebenezer Mason, who assisted about the farm-work. One day, in the spring of 1802, as the two were at work in the field laying out manure from a cart preparatory to planting, Mason became offended, and struck Allen on the head with the shovel he was using. He died soon after from the effects of the

blow. For this act, Mason was executed at Dedham the same year. Children:—

149. REUBEN, 1789; m. Mary B. Shedd.
 150. WILLARD, 1793; lived in Deerfield.
 151. MARTHA, 1796; m. Raph Battelle of Dover.
 152. IRA, 1797; m. Pamela Whitney; second, in 1837, Esther Townsend; lived in North Providence, R.I.
 153. AMOS, 1799; m. Adaline Goodenough.
 154. MARY, 1802; m. Uriah Brett (1); second, Deacon Capen of Canton.
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155.

WILLIAM ALLEN came to Medfield, and settled on the west side, about 1668. He has sometimes been called the son of James; but there is no evidence that this was the fact, and many things quite positively indicate the contrary. He married in 1668 Elizabeth Twichell, daughter of Benjamin of Dorchester, who had settled at the "Farms." Elizabeth died in 1717; and he married, second, Abiel Barber (25), probably. He died in 1738, "aged according to the best accounts upwards of 90 years," as the Medway records state. Children:—

156. MARY, 1671.
157. WILLIAM, 1674; died young.
- +158. WILLIAM, 1684.
- +159. BENJAMIN.
160. ELIZABETH; m. in 1705 Eleazar Partridge (49).
161. MARTHA; m. in 1705 Daniel Thurston (26).

158.

WILLIAM² (William¹) married in 1705 Hannah Evans (3), and lived in Medfield several years, on her father's homestead, at the corner of Bridge Street. He was in Wrentham in 1706; in Dedham, 1707; in Medfield again, 1719. His wife died in Medway in 1740; the following year, he sold his estate in Medfield, and we lose sight of him. Children:—

162. WILLIAM, 1706-1706.
163. WILLIAM, 1707; went to Rutland.
164. HANNAH, 1715; m. Edward Cobb of Medway.

159.

BENJAMIN² (William¹) married in 1696 Mary Fairbanks (10). He went to Ashford, Conn., where he died; and his widow married Nathaniel Gary of that place. Children:—

165. BENJAMIN, 1697.
166. MARY, 1698.
167. LYDIA, 1700.
168. EDWARD, 1703.
169. DAVID, 1705.

170.

JOHN ALLEN, son of Abel of Weston, born 1699, came to Medfield about 1728, having bought the homestead of Jonathan Boyden, Jr., on the Walpole road, now or lately owned by J. B. Cram. He married in 1725 Elizabeth Hastings, who was received to full communion here from the church in Weston in 1731. He became a member of the Second Baptist Church in Boston in 1752, and was one of the originators of Baptist meetings in this town. He died of small-pox in 1764. His wife died in 1767. Children :—

- 171. JOHN, 1730-1752.
- 172. ESTHER, 1733; m. in 1761 Stephen Whiting of Dedham.
- +173. NATHAN, 1737.
- 174. SARAH, 1739-1740.
- 175. ENOCH, 1741-1778; m. Jane —, who survived him, and m. in 1783 Joseph Turner of Walpole.
- 176. ELIZABETH, 1744: m. in 1766 Simeon Page of Walpole.

173.

NATHAN (John) lived on the place which was his father's, which he seems to have occupied in connection with his brother Enoch until the death of the latter. He sold the place in 1782 to Edward Cleaveland (1). He removed with his family to Walpole, where he died in 1803. He married, first, Thankful Hartshorn in 1765, who died in 1770; second, Rachel Carriel of Walpole. Children :—

- 177. SARAH, 1766; m. in 1793 Oliver Allen (71); second, in 1801, Eneas Johnson (12); third, George Harding of Medway.
- 178. JOHN, 1767.
- 179. DUTY, 1770.
- 180. THANKFUL, 1771.
- 181. ESTHER, 1773.
- 182. LUCY, 1775.

ARMSBY.

JOSHUA ARMSBY first appears in Medfield records in 1704, the year of his marriage with Mehitable Boyden (11). Nothing further is known of him except the birth of two children. He died prior to 1715, in which year his widow married — Titus. Children :—

- 2. MEHITABLE, 1705.
- +3. JOSHUA, 1708.

3

JOSHUA² (Joshua¹) lived west of Noon Hill, near Norfolk line. He married in 1733 Esther Cheney (28). He died in 1793. Children :—

- 4. HULDAH, 1734; m. in 1757 Benjamin Boyden of Walpole.
- 5. PHEBE, 1735-1759.
- 6. ENOS, 1737; m. in 1763 Joanna Perry; settled in Sutton.

7. MERAH, 1749-1762.
8. ESTHER, 1744; m. in 1768 James Plimpton of Sturbridge.
9. ZADOCK, 1749-1786.
10. SHEM, 1749-1777.
11. ADAR, 1751-1825.
12. MOLLY, 1754-1829.
- +13. MATTHIAS, 1757.
14. JOSHUA; graduated from Harvard College in 1773; settled in Sutton. He was dismissed from the Medfield church to that in Sutton in 1799.

13.

MATTHIAS³ (Joshua,² Joshua¹), during the latter part of his life, resided on the Wrentham side of the line. He married in 1783 Unity Boyden of Walpole, who survived his death in 1799, and married John Turner. Children:—

- +15. SHEM, 1783; born in Walpole.
16. CYNTHIA, 1785; m. in 1806 Obadiah Sartwell.
17. MATTHIAS, 1787; died in Illinois, leaving four sons.
18. MOLLY, 1789; m. Josiah Day of Walpole.
19. SILAS, 1792; said to have died while in college. He kept school here in 1811.
20. WILLARD, 1798; died in Chelsea, leaving a family.

15.

SHEM⁴ (Matthias,³ Joshua,² Joshua¹) married in 1805 Elizabeth Perry (17), who died in 1807; second, Sally Farral, who died in 1872. He died in 1861. Children:—

21. ELIZABETH, 1805; m. William Fales of Wrentham.
22. MARY; m. Joseph Bailey (2).

BABCOCK.

LOWELL BABCOCK was born in Sherborn in 1801, son of Colonel Moses Babcock and wife, Betsey Leland. He married Thankful Sanger, born in Sherborn in 1803, daughter of Benjamin Sanger and wife, Olive Bullard (56). He removed to Medway in 1835, and died there in 1872. Children:—

2. ADALINE E., 1821; m. in 1847 Thaddeus R. Haynes, who died in E. Medway in 1860.
3. ALBERT H., 1823; resides in Charlestown.
- +4. BENJAMIN J., 1825.
5. OLIVE M., 1835; m. in 1853 William S. Tilden (7).
- +6. LOWELL, 1837.
7. MARY A., 1843-1861.

4.

BENJAMIN J.² (Lowell¹) came to Medfield in 1841. He married in 1847 Milletiah T. Johnson (14), who died in 1870; second, in 1871, Abby J. Colburn of Dedham. Children:—

8. FRANCIS L., 1849; physician; resides in Dedham.
9. ALBERT J., 1851; m. in 1880 Emma L. Bruce (10).

10. WILLIAM A., 1857; m. in 1885 Carrie L. Rockwood.
11. CHARLES B., 1859; m. in 1879 Winifred C. Marvel.
12. MARY A., 1870-1870.

6.

LOWELL² (Lowell¹) married in 1859 Alfreda Bailey of Rumney, N.H. Children:—

13. GEORGE G., 1861; m. in 1881 Estelle A. Brown.
14. HERBERT W., 1864.
15. EDWARD L., 1867-1879.
16. MARY A., 1876.

17.

EBENEZER BABCOCK was born in Sherborn in 1793. He married in 1824 Sylvia Jennings, who died in 1830; second, in 1833, Mary Whitney. He came to this town about 1845, where he resided till his death in 1876. Children:—

18. MARY JANE, 1825-1869; m. in 1853 Stephen F. Turner (77).
19. SYLVIA A., 1827; m. in 1856 Enoch Adams.
20. D. ELIZABETH, 1830; m. in 1856 Francis Bentley.
21. CAROLINE A., 1834-1836.
22. RHODA W., 1836-1836.
23. CHRISTIANA C., 1838-1840.
24. E. GRANVILLE, 1843; m. in 1867 Clara A. Morse.
25. ANNIE W., 1857; m. in 1879 George F. Giles.

BAILEY.

MARTIN BAILEY was born in Marlboro in 1788. His parents soon removed to Newfane, Vt., from whence he came in 1807 to Medfield. In 1812, he married Asenath Kingsbury of Foxboro, who died in 1877, aged eighty-seven. She was a member of the Baptist church for sixty-nine years. He died in 1874. Children:—

2. JOSEPH, 1813; m. Mary Armsby (22); settled in Wrentham, now Norfolk, on the homestead of her father.
- +3. MARTIN, 1815.
4. NANCY, 1817; m. in 1836 James Chickering, and resides in Ashland.
5. ASENAH, 1820; m. in 1840 Charles Hutson, and resides in Illinois.
- +6. FRANCIS, 1829.
7. ABIGAIL, 1832.

3.

MARTIN² (Martin¹) married in 1839 Elvira Heald, an adopted daughter of Captain William Felt, who inherited his estate on Main Street, opposite the head of South Street. She died in 1856, aged thirty-eight. Children:—

8. MARY E., 1841; m. in 1868 Nathaniel Fitch; resides in Naples, Ind.
9. GEORGE W., 1850.

6.

FRANCIS² (Martin¹) was a tinplate worker by trade. He married, first, Mary Taylor of Walpole, who died in 1851; second, Lizzie Taylor, sister of his first wife. He died in 1870. Children :—

- 10. HERBERT, 1851; resides in Norwood.
- 11. ARTHUR.

BAKER.

ABIJAH BAKER, son of John of Dorchester and wife Preserved Trott, was born in 1691, and came to Medfield soon after his marriage with Hannah Jones. He settled on the Walpole road, on the spot lately owned by heirs of Isaac Guild; the old well being still in use at the barn, near which stood the house. He died in 1761, and his wife in 1776. Children :—

- +2. ABIJAH, 1718.
- 3. THANKFUL, 1721; m. in 1742 Daniel Morse of Walpole.
- 4. MARY, 1724; m. in 1746 John Ellis, Jr; probably removed to Bellingham.
- 5. { HANNAH, 1728-1729.
- 6. { ELIZABETH, 1728; m. in 1747 Bezaleel Turner (29).
- +7. MICAH, 1731.
- 8. EBENEZER, not recorded in Medfield, but mentioned in his father's will; resided in Walpole.

2

ABIJAH² (Abijah¹) was a housewright by trade, and became heir to the property of Nathaniel Allen on South Street (where Mr. Rhodes now lives), who was a relative of his wife. He married in 1742 Esther Hill of Medway. About 1761, he sold out and removed to Franklin, where he died in 1780. Children :—

- 9. JAMES, 1743; settled in Franklin.
- 10. SILAS, 1744-1744.
- +11. PRESERVED, 1745.
- 12. THANKFUL, 1747-1833; unmarried.
- 13. ABIJAH, 1749-1824; lived in Franklin.
- 14. JOHN, 1751; lived in Franklin.
- 15. ESTHER, 1753-1759.
- 16. NATHANIEL, 1755-1759.
- 17. ESTHER, 1759.

7.

MICAH² (Abijah¹) inherited his father's homestead, where he lived till about 1766, when he sold it and removed to Walpole. He afterward lived for a short time in Medfield. He married in 1751 Abigail Streeter, who died in 1761; second, in 1763, Elizabeth Whitmore of Stoughton. He removed to Royalston about 1785. Children :—

- 18. REBECCA, 1751; m. in 1773 Joshua Hews (3).
- 19. HANNAH, 1754-1754.

20. MICAH, 1755.
21. NATHAN, 1757-1777.
22. ABIGAIL, 1758.
23. ELIZABETH, 1763.
24. RHODA, 1765.
25. MICAH, 1766; born in Walpole.
26. HEPZIBAH, 1768; also in Walpole.
27. SARAH, 1777-1778; born and died in Medfield.

II.

PRESERVED³ (Abijah,² Abijah¹) settled at first in Walpole. In 1781, he bought the estate belonging to heirs of Isaac Boyden, near where C. D. Strang now lives. Two houses stood on the west side of the road, and the barn on the east. This he sold in 1789 to Francis Hamant and John Needham. He died in 1792, and his wife in 1794. Children:—

28. ASA.
29. NAHUM, 1778-1852; insane and a pauper.
30. PRESERVED.
31. ELIZABETH.
32. RACHEL; m. —— Wood; dismissed to church in Uxbridge in 1797.
- +33. AMOS.

33.

AMOS⁴ (Preserved,³ Abijah,² Abijah¹) married in 1796 Abigail Smith (19). His wife died in 1806, and he removed to Vermont. Children:—

34. ELECTA, 1797; m. Sewall Ware.
35. AMOS, 1798; died in Providence, R.I.
36. PRESERVED; went to Vermont.
37. ABIGAIL, 1804; m. Benoni Morse of Medway.
38. { THOMAS, 1806; died in Medway, unmarried.
39. { WILLIAM, 1806; went to Vermont.

40.

JOEL BAKER, son of Joseph Baker and wife, Monica Gay, was born in W. Dedham in 1787. He came to this town about 1817, bought the "Thurston lot," and built the house now owned by B. F. Crehore. In a shop adjoining, he carried on for many years the business of a wheelwright. He married Abigail Heaton, of Charlestown, N.H., who survived her husband, and died in 1873, aged eighty-three. He died in 1860. Children:—

- +41. JOSEPH H., 1820.
- +42. THOMAS J., 1822.
43. JULIA A., 1828-1863; m. in 1850 George W. Chenery (65).

41.

JOSEPH H.² (Joel¹) married in 1854 C. Anna Wharton of Brooks, Me., who died in 1861; second, in 1864, Mrs. Mary C. Keith of Wakefield, daughter of Ralph Battelle of Dover. Children:—

- 44. JOSEPH H., 1855; m. in 1884 Hattie S. Dupee.
- 45. ROBERT W., 1859; m. in 1886 Lizzie McFeat.

42.

THOMAS J.² (Joel¹) married in 1851 Cynthia A. Breck (17). Children:—

- 46. FREDERICK J., 1853.
- 47. EDWARD T., 1855.
- 48. JULIA A., 1859.
- 49. SARAH B., 1861.
- 50. MOSES E., 1863.

BALCH.

JOHN BALCH was born in Beverly in 1772. He married in 1792 Phebe Hammond of Braintree, and came to Medfield after his eldest son established himself in business here. He died in 1849; his widow, in 1861. Children:—

- +2. WESLEY P., 1794.
- 3. PHEBE, 1797; m. Joseph Marshall.
- 4. ENOCH, 1799-1825.
- +5. JOHN, 1801.
- 6. BENJAMIN, 1804; m. in 1826 Chloe Smith (154); lives in Providence.
- 7. EBENEZER H., 1806; m. Betsey Childs of Mendon; second, Sarah Wood of Upton.
- 8. LYDIA H., 1808; m. in 1831 Orin Nichols of Lowell.
- 9. ELLEN B. H., 1812-1876; m. in 1836 George S. Mason (89).
- 10. MARY B., 1817-1840; m. George Davis.

2

WESLEY P.² (John¹) came to Medfield when a young man, and worked in a bakery, then on the corner of North and Green Streets. After the failure of the proprietor, he started business on his own account in a building which stood on the site of J. R. Cushman's late residence on North Street. In 1818, he bought one acre of land on Main Street, and erected a house and bakery on the spot now owned and occupied by Henry M. Parker, where he carried on a successful business for many years. He served as a selectman repeatedly, and held the office of town treasurer; was an enterprising and influential citizen. He married in 1817 Rebecca Battelle of Dover, who died in

1820; second, in 1821, Mary Baker of Dedham, who died in 1845; third, Mrs. Eliza A. Brackett of Lowell. He died in 1856. Children:—

11. ALBERT B., 1819; resides in Lowell.
12. WESLEY P., 1822; resides in Boston.
13. MARY R. H., 1823; m. George Pettes of Boston.
14. ELIZABETH C., 1828-1845.
15. WILLIAM A., 1849.
16. ELIZABETH A., 1851.

5.

JOHN² (John¹) resided in this town for several years; afterward removed to Boston, where he died in 1868. He married in 1827 Abigail Fairbanks (20). Children:—

17. JOHN F., 1829-1869; m. Elvira Janes (3).
18. ELIZA E., 1835.

19.

PETER BALCH was, without doubt, son of Deacon Samuel of Beverly. He bought land and buildings in Medway in 1716. Six years after, he was in Medfield apparently a poll-tax payer only. In 1725, he married Elizabeth Dwight (5); lived in Medway a few years after his marriage, where he was deacon of the church 1730-32, and where three of his children were born. He returned to Medfield about 1733. His oldest child died, and the youngest was born here. He was a cordwainer by trade. In 1734, he was chosen tithing-man, and the next year highway surveyor and sealer of leather. In 1738, he was chosen deacon of the church here. About 1740, he removed to Framingham, where he was a deacon of the church again. He died in Framingham in 1755, aged seventy. Children:—

20. MARY, 1726-1736.
21. ELIZABETH, 1729; m. Daniel Adams of Framingham.
22. TIMOTHY, 1732-1741.
23. SARAH, 1734; m. John Pike of Framingham.

BARBER.

GEORGE BARBER was born in England about 1615. He embarked for the New World in the "Transport" July 4, 1635, receiving a certificate of his conformity to the orders and discipline of the Church of England from the minister at Gravesend. He was accepted a townsman at Dedham in 1640. Among the names of those who were members of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in 1646 is that of "Captain George Barber." In 1647, he took the freeman's oath at Dedham. He was one of the foremost in forming the settlement at Medfield, and in November, 1651, made a contract with the selectmen to build a mill "for the

supply of the town," which he did, locating it on Mill Brook, just below where it crosses Elm Street. This mill he sold the next year to Henry Adams. In 1652, he was on the committee for laying out highways, and to his care was intrusted the cutting of the fine timber trees that grew along Vine Brook. In 1663, he "beat the drum," and received from the town therefor four bushels three pecks of corn. He was frequently employed in the settlement of estates, and was also, for some time, the principal military officer of the town. He served ten years on the board of selectmen, twenty-three years consecutively as town clerk, and four years as representative to the General Court. His house was on Main Street, near where that of the late Bradford Curtis now stands. He married in 1642 Elizabeth Clark, who died in 1683; second, Joan, widow of Anthony Fisher of Dedham. He died in 1685.

Children : —

2. ELIZABETH, 1641-1643.
3. MARY, 1643-1643.
4. MARY, 1644-1700; m. in 1666 Jonathan Morse (11).
- +5. SAMUEL, 1647.
- +6. JOHN, 1649.
7. ELIZABETH, 1651-1714; m. in 1669 Daniel Morse (10).
8. HANNAH, 1654.
- +9. ZECHARIAH, 1656.
10. ABIGAIL, 1659.

5.

SAMUEL² (George¹) settled on his father's place. He was accepted as a townsman in 1675, and became a very prominent citizen. He was schoolmaster, representative five years, selectman for thirty-one years, town clerk twenty-eight years, and was chosen deacon of the church in 1710. His house was probably one of the best in the town, and we find in 1688 that the town-meeting was held there.

He married in 1674 Mary Harding (4), who died in 1731. He died in 1736. Children : —

11. MARY, 1675-1676.
12. SAMUEL, 1678-1704.
13. JAMES, 1680-1704.
14. HANNAH, 1683-1755; m. in 1706 Joseph Richardson (5); inherited the homestead.
15. THOMAS, 1686-1691.
16. MARY, 1693-1704.

6.

JOHN² (George¹) settled in the north part of the town, where John G. Hutson now lives. He had a house there as early as 1684. He, with six others, obtained in 1674 a grant on the North Brook for the purpose of building a saw-mill. This mill is said to have been a little distance below where the box factory

and saw-mill now stand. He was married at Dorchester in 1674 to Abigail Badcock, daughter of Robert. He died in 1688, at the age of thirty-nine. Children :—

- 17. JOHN, 1676; removed to Mendon.
- 18. ABIGAIL, 1679; m. Ichabod Harding (11).
- 19. ELIZABETH, 1681; m. in 1699 John Death of Sherborn.
- +20. GEORGE, 1684.
- 21. ABIEL, 1689.

9.

ZECHARIAH² (George¹) settled on Bridge Street, near the corner of the road leading to Dingle Dell. He owned what is now the town farm, and appears to have built his house shortly after the Indian war. He married in 1683 Abiel Ellis (55), who died in 1716. He died in 1705. Children :—

- 22. BENONI, 1684-1684.
- +23. ZECHARIAH, 1685.
- 24. JOSEPH, 1687-1770; resided in West Medway.
- 25. ABIEL, 1691; m. probably William Allen (155).
- 26. JOHN, 1693-1754; settled in Medway; deacon of the church.
- 27. RUTH, 1695; m. in 1730 Henry Smith (20).
- 28. THOMAS, 1698-1705.
- 29. ELIZABETH, 1700; m. in 1722 Jonathan Battle.
- 30. MARY, 1703.

20.

GEORGE³ (John,² George¹) inherited his father's place at the north part of the town, where he spent his life. He was chosen deacon of the church about 1725. He served the town as a selectman, and went as representative four years. By his will, he gave the estate to his daughter, she to pay to her brother John the sum of twenty pounds. Deacon Barber died in 1747, his wife Ann having died the previous year, aged sixty-one. Children :—

- +31. JOHN, 1708.
- 32. ANN, 1726-1813; m. in 1744 Nathan Penniman; second, in 1747, Joshua Bullard (31). The Barber homestead was sold in 1751 to Robert Hinsdale (24).

23.

ZECHARIAH³ (Zechariah,² George¹) received his father's estate in Bridge Street. In 1717, the estate was represented as incapable of division; and he paid off his brothers and sisters. He married in 1717 Deborah Partridge (14), who died in 1723; second, in 1725, Mary Allen (13), who survived his death in 1746, and became the wife of William Mann of Wrentham. Children :—

- 33. ZECHARIAH, 1719-1746.
- 34. DEBORAH, 1720-1740.
- +35. ELISHA, 1722.

31.

JOHN¹ (George,² John,³ George⁴) lived here till 1739, when he is said to have removed to Sudbury. It is believed that he enlisted under Governor Shirley, and was killed in the expedition against Fort Niagara. He married Hannah —, and the births of two children are recorded here:—

- 36. ABIGAIL, 1736.
- 37. HANNAH, 1737.

35.

ELISHA⁴ (Zechariah,³ Zechariah,² George¹) inherited the Bridge Street place, and lived upon it till about 1754, when he removed to Sherborn, where he died in 1803. He married in 1751 Silence Fairbanks, who died in 1804. Children:—

- 38. ZECHARIAH, 1752; resided in Sherborn, perhaps also in Warwick.
- 39. DEBORAH, 1754; m. Thomas Greenwood of Winchendon.
- 40. SARAH, 1756; m. Zibeon Hooker.
- 41. ELISHA, 1758–1814; lived in Sherborn.
- 42. OLIVER, 1763–1814; lived in Sherborn.
- 43. SILENCE, 1765.

All but the first were born in Sherborn.

BARNEY.

THOMAS L. BARNEY was born in Newton in 1815. He came to Medfield in 1837, and having, in company with his brother, bought out the stock of James H. Boyden, kept store in a building on the corner of South and Main Streets, which belonged to Charles Onion, who kept the post-office there at the same time. With the exception of a year or two, when they were in business in Sherborn, they continued till 1848. Then, disposing of their stock, they commenced business in Roxbury, which continued from 1850 to 1856. The partnership was then dissolved, and Thomas came to Medfield again; and, purchasing the stock of goods belonging to D. B. Farrington, he commenced storekeeping in a part of the tavern building. In 1860, he bought the old school-house, and fitted it up as a dwelling and store, on the spot formerly owned by Mr. Onion. He married in 1841 Mary M. Smith (157). Children:

- 2. GERTRUDE M., 1842–1845.
- 3. THOS. FREDERICK, 1846.
- 4. GEORGE L., 1852–1852.
- 5. MARY D., 1857–1858.

BAXTER.

REV. JOSEPH BAXTER, second minister of Medfield, was the son of Lieutenant John Baxter of Braintree, and was born in 1676. He graduated from Harvard College in 1693, at the age of seven-

teen. He first preached in Medfield when he was eighteen years old; and, though entirely acceptable, the people thought best to wait awhile before settling him, on account of his extreme youth. He received a call, however, April 26, 1694. As soon as he was twenty-one years of age, he was ordained, April 21, 1697. In 1696, he bought the homestead of Joseph Bullard on Main Street, opposite the head of Spring Street. Judge Sewall, in his Diary, speaks of visiting Medfield in 1697, and says he "viewed Mr. Baxter's house, and the orchard Captain Frary hath given to the ministry, which lies very convenient; a living brook running by it, and through Mr. Baxter's." The orchard had belonged to John Frary, Sen., and was on the spot owned by heirs of Cyrus Stedman. Mr. Baxter's house lot contained ten acres, lying on both sides of the way. He married Mary Fisk of Braintree, who was received to church here in 1701. His salary was £70 for several years. His first wife having died about 1710, he married in 1712 Rebecca Saffin of Bristol, who died the next year. His third wife was Mrs. Mercy Brigham. He, in common with other wealthy citizens, owned slaves. In 1714, we find that "Mr. Baxter's man Tony" was paid for ringing the bell. In 1717, the salary was advanced to £80; and in 1721 he had a monthly contribution besides. The value of money was depreciating at this period, owing to the large quantities of paper money that had been issued. In 1725, he had £100.

In 1731, he had from the town a grant of "half an acre of land on the east side of the meeting-house to build a house on." This was where the straw-shop now stands. He did not build upon it, however, and in 1742 gave a quit-claim to the town.

In 1733, his salary was made £130; in 1738, £60, "new tenor"; in 1741, £180, "old tenor." In 1742, the town voted him a salary of £60, "middle tenor," or £180, "old tenor"; and he was to have a contribution "to help supply the pulpit during his weakness." In 1743, his salary was to be £55, lawful money, or £220, "old tenor." The paper money was growing worse and worse.

Mr. Baxter died of the dropsy May 2, 1745, aged sixty-nine.

He published the Election Sermon, 1727, sermons to two societies of young men, and other sermons, in 1729. He preached the sermon at the dedication of the first meeting-house in Sturbridge, in 1733. When Governor Shute proposed to the Indians that a Protestant missionary be sent to them at the eastward, Mr. Baxter's name was mentioned; and he commenced a correspondence with the French Jesuit, Ralle, who was then in those parts. The correspondence was in Latin, and Ralle accused Mr. Baxter of a want of scholarship. The Governor replied that the "main qualification in a missionary to the barbarous Indians was not to be an exact scholar as to the Latin tongue, but to bring them from the power of Satan, who has usurped possession of these parts of the world for so many ages, into the kingdom of the Son of God."

His real and personal estate at his death was valued at £1,883. Besides lands in this town, he owned rights in iron works at Crack Rock, in Stoughton (now Foxboro), iron works in Walpole, half a farm "at a place called Tuesick in the township of Georgetown at the eastward," part of a right in lands lying on Georges River, and an island near Topsham, "commonly called Baxter's Island."

In his will is the following: "I devise to my beloved wife, Mercy Baxter, twenty pounds a year in bills of the old tenor, so long as she shall live, besides all the household goods she brought to me, and whatsoever she had by her father, or former husband, or sister; and also my horse and chaise and the tackling belonging to it, and the service of my Negro Slave, Nanny, during my wife's life; and to my Negro Slave I give her freedom at my wife's decease." He afterward adds, "It is my will that upon condition my Negro woman shall not in all things carry and behave herself dutifully and well towards her said mistress, my wife, then she shall not have her freedom; but I give to my wife full power to sell or dispose of her for life at her discretion." During his ministry, three hundred and seventy-three persons were admitted to the church, two hundred and twenty eight owned the covenant, and one thousand one hundred and seventy-five received baptism. Children:—

2. JOSEPH, 1700-1700.
3. MARY, 1701; m. in 1720 John Gardner of Stow.
4. SARAH; m. in 1722 Thomas Buckminster.
5. HANNAH, 1704-1796; m. in 1723 Oliver Peabody, the preacher to the Indians at Natick.
6. JOSEPH, 1706; graduated at Harvard College in 1724; taught school here 1725-27; educated as a physician, but died of small-pox in 1732.
- +7. JOHN, 1708.
8. THOMAS, 1710.

7.

JOHN² (Joseph¹) lived on the place which had belonged to his father. He was a prominent man in town affairs, a surveyor of land, served many years on the board of selectmen, was town clerk and town treasurer for a long time. He married in 1732 Rebecca Fisher, daughter of John (12), who died in 1796. He died in 1788. He owned a house about the year 1740 in the north part of the town, apparently near the spot now occupied by that of the late W. Q. Fisher; perhaps lived there till his father's death. Children:—

- +9. JOSEPH, 1734.
10. NATHAN, 1735-1735.
11. MARY, 1737; m. in 1763 Thomas Mason (27).
12. RICHARD, 1740; settled in Princeton.
13. MOSES, 1742; settled in Rutland.
- +14. JOHN, 1746.
15. SARAH, 1750-1780; m. in 1778 Silas Bullard (42).

JOSEPH³ (John,² Joseph¹) settled at the old saw-mill place near Noon Hill. He married in 1760 Mary Partridge of Medway, and resided in this town till about 1779, when he removed to Princeton. He served in the French war from Medway. Children:—

- +16. STEPHEN, 1761.
- 17. REBECCA, 1763.
- 18. MARY, 1767.
- 19. LUCINDA, 1773.

JOHN³ (John,² Joseph¹) inherited the ancestral home on Main Street. He had the confidence of his townsmen, and was often elected to public station. He transacted law business, was one of the selectmen eight years, town clerk fourteen years, treasurer thirteen years, and representative to the Legislature six years. He married, at the age of thirty-eight, Silence Wight (79), widow of Rev. Daniel Adams of Watertown, who died in 1817. "Squire Baxter" died in 1832. Daughter:—

- 20. SARAH, 1785–1866; m. Nathaniel Bosworth (1).

STEPHEN⁴ (Joseph,³ John,² Joseph¹) graduated at Harvard College in 1788. He kept school here in 1788, and also taught a singing-school with great success. It was said to be the greatest local musical affair of those times. People came from the surrounding towns to hear. Stephen afterward became a minister, and was settled in Warren, Mass. He became insane, and died in 1846. His wife was Elizabeth Lovell of Medway.

BISHOP.

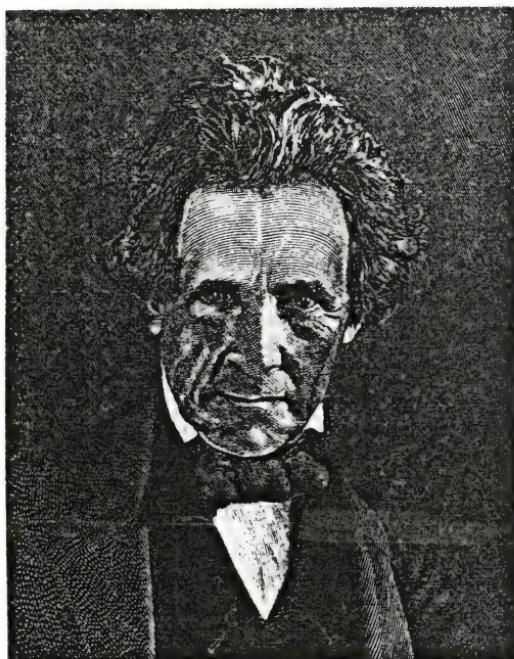
JONATHAN PARKER BISHOP was born in Killingly (now Putnam), Conn., April 10, 1792, and was the son of Jonathan Parker Bishop, a well-known physician, and Hannah (Torrey) Bishop. He came to Medfield and taught the North School, when a young man. He married in 1817 Eliza Harding (91), and about the year 1818 commenced the practice of law, having been admitted to the bar in another county.

From 1822 to 1834, he was in Illinois, and for short periods in the State of Maine. With these exceptions, he resided in Medfield until his death. He represented the town in the Legislature in the years 1848 and 1851, and on each occasion was elected with special reference to a particular question in which the town was strongly interested. In 1848, it was the question of a railroad through the town by what was known as the "Pettee Route," from some point on the then Boston & Worcester Railroad in Brookline, Brighton, or Newton, through the northern part of Medfield to Medway, with a further line to Woonsocket in contemplation. A rival route from Dedham to Walpole, and thence

to Blackstone, was also projected ; and the two lines were in bitter hostility to each other, as it was not then supposed that two railroads so near together could be supported from the intervening country. Both routes were finally built, but neither charter was granted at that session. Mr. Bishop was very active in the matter of securing the first-named road, and it was largely by his exertions that it was finally built. At the session of 1851, the question was the

election of two United States senators, one as successor to Daniel Webster. This was at the beginning of the Free Soil (which afterward became the Republican) party, formed largely by a split and secession from the Whigs on the question of slavery. The new party formed a coalition with the Democrats on the senatorial question, with the purpose of electing one Free Soiler and one Democrat, both sound on the question of slavery. There was great interest in all the towns, and candidates were almost invariably pledged throughout the State. Mr. Bishop was the Medfield candidate of the coalition for representative, and was elected. The result of the senatorial contest, the election of Charles Sumner and Robert Rantoul, Jr., to the vacancies, the former by a majority of one only, after twenty-six ballotings, was a source of lifelong gratification to Mr. Bishop. Of the many persons having a right to claim that his vote decided the contest, he was one ; and he often referred to his presence and vote for Mr. Sumner at every roll-call. He possessed much public spirit, and from time to time held various town offices. He died July 10, 1865. His wife survived him, and died Nov. 16, 1877. Children :—

- +2. MOSES B. H., 1817.
3. CAROLINE E., 1820; m. in 1842 Silas W. Wilder; second, Charles Jennings.
4. MARY D., 1822-1863; m. in 1850 John Battelle of Dover.
5. ROBERT R., 1834; m. in 1857 Mary H. Bullard of Holliston.



JONATHAN PARKER BISHOP.

2.

MOSES B. H.² (Jonathan P.¹) married, first, in 1843, Abigail Torrey, who died in 1852; second, Eliza H. Leavens of Killingly, Conn. He resides on the estate owned by his grandfather, Moses B. Harding, and by Moses Bullen. Son :—

6. ELISHA P., 1854-1876; m. in 1875 Abby A. Hartshorn (26).

BOSWORTH.

NATHANIEL BOSWORTH came to Medfield from Dighton. He married in 1807 Sarah Baxter (20), only heir to the Baxter estate. The date of his death is unknown. She died in 1866. Children :

2. JOHN B., 1808-1842; musician in United States service.
3. SARAH, 1810-1880.
4. MARY, 1812-1844; m. in 1841 Charles Hamant (49).
5. NATHANIEL, 1815; was a gunsmith; is said to have died in New York.

BOWERS.

JOHN BOWERS came with the Braintree and Weymouth men about 1652. His house lot was near the "great bridge," the site being not far from where the house belonging to heirs of John F. Newell now stands. His house was burned by the Indians in 1676; and he, with his only son, was slain on the same day. His wife died in 1694. Children :—

- +2. JOHN.
3. MARY, 1646-1707; m. in 1676 John Metcalf (2).
4. ELIZABETH, 1654-1724; m. in 1676 Michael Metcalf (3).
5. SARAH, 1663-1727; m. in 1685 Joseph Metcalf (5).

2.

JOHN² (John¹) came with his father. He married in 1673 Sarah Clark (7); and, about this time, he appears to have had a house near his father's. His house was burned and its owner slain on the day of the Indian attack upon the town. His widow was married to Samuel Smith (5) (whose wife was also slain by the Indians) on the first anniversary of the mournful event. Son :—

- +6. JOHN, 1675.

6.

JOHN³ (John², John¹) was an infant when his father was killed. He received a small bequest in the will of his grandfather Clark, was sole heir to the estate of his father, and appears to have had the benefit of all that his grandfather Bowers owned, as that estate was not divided during his lifetime; but, after his death, the Metcalfs put in a claim, and a division was then made. He built a house in 1698-99 upon the old Bowers' estate, which had

lain waste during a quarter of a century. He married in 1702 Hannah Partridge (8), who outlived his death in 1729, and became the wife of Eleazar Bullard (101). Children:—

7. SETH, 1707-1719.
8. HANNAH, 1709.
9. SARAH, 1711-1779; unmarried. In her youth, she received the attentions of John Baxter (7), who at last left her for a more aristocratic match. Her mind seems to have been unsettled, as in 1741 the selectmen of the town report to the court that "Sarah Bowers is distracted or non-compos"; and a guardian was appointed.
10. JOHN, 1713-1718.
11. ELISHA, 1715-1775; resided on the old homestead, where he died unmarried.
12. JAMES, 1718-1754; resided in Medway, unmarried.
13. MARY, 1720-1721.

BOYDEN.

THOMAS BOYDEN came to America in the ship "Francis," from Ipswich in 1634, being then twenty-one years of age. He was a member of the church in Scituate in 1635. He afterward went to Watertown, where he lived some years, and was made a freeman in 1647. His wife Frances died in 1658; and in the same year he married Hannah, widow of Joseph Morse (4). In 1660 there was a settlement of the Morse estate; and, the eldest son having received his portion, the court allowed Thomas Boyden to improve the estates of the rest of his wife's children till they should be of age. It was afterward agreed that Boyden should have all the houses and lands, and pay to each of them, when of age, the sum of £26 13*s.* 4*d.* And he was to see that the "sonnes" were taught to read and write.

The house which belonged to the Morse heirs, and which became the Boyden homestead, was on what is now Pound Street. Hannah, the wife of Thomas, died in 1676, while at her daughter's house in Boston. The record of his death has not been found. The records of the town show that he was chosen tithing-man in 1682, after which nothing more is said of him. Children:—

2. THOMAS, 1639; settled in Groton.
3. MARY, 1641.
4. REBECCA, 1643.
5. NATHANIEL, 1650.
- +6. JONATHAN, 1652.
7. SARAH, 1654.

6.

JONATHAN² (Thomas¹) was the only one of the family, as far as known, who came to Medfield with the father. He was born in Boston. At what date he came here is not known. The first that is heard of him is his marriage in 1673 with Mary Clark (6). There is no record of the settlement of his father's estate, but it

seems to have been transferred to him in some way. He became prominent in town affairs. He was in full communion in the church prior to 1697; became captain in 1712; was representative to the Legislature in 1715. There is reason to believe that his house stood near where that of John Mason now stands, in 1685. He married, second, Anne —, who survived him and died in 1735. He died in 1732. Children:—

- +8. JONATHAN, 1674.
- 9. MARY, 1677-1718; m. in 1697 Joshua Clap.
- 10. ELIZABETH, 1678; m. in 1702 N^ohemiah Sabin (8).
- 11. MEHITABLE, 1679; m. in 1704 Joshua Armsby (1).
- 12. THOMAS, 1681-1771; m. in 1707 Deborah Wight (30); settled in Wrentham. He was the father of James Boyden, who was chosen deacon of the Medfield church in 1761, and who died in 1779.
- 13. JOHN, 1685-1754; was in Medfield in 1711, but afterward settled in Walpole.
- +14. JOSEPH, 1687.
- 15. SARAH, 1690; m. in 1710 David Jones of Walpole.

8.

JONATHAN³ (Jonathan,² Thomas¹), about 1700, built a house on the road leading toward Walpole, the place near the junction of High and Plain Streets. He married, first, Rachel Fisher (29), who died in 1712; second, Esther Thurston (22). He died in 1719. Children:—

- 16. JONATHAN, 1700; m. in 1726 Mehitable Lovell (12).
- 17. JOHN, 1702.
- 18. MARAH, 1705-1705.
- 19. DAVID. He, with John and Jonathan, settled in Walpole as early as 1729.
- +20. JOSHUA, 1709.
- 21. BENONI, 1712-1712.
- 22. SILENCE, 1714-1714.
- 23. SETH, 1715; prominent among the early settlers of Foxboro.

14.

JOSEPH³ (Jonathan,² Thomas¹) settled in the south part of the town. The traces of his house can still be seen on the west side of the road near Cyrus Strang's. The barn was on the east side, and his cart road from his barn to the field on the hill may still be readily traced. In 1718, his father deeded to him thirty acres on "planting field," and half an acre with buildings on the west side of the way. He married in 1713 Mary Wheeler (2), who died in 1765, he having died in 1758. Children:—

- 24. JOSEPH, 1715-1715.
- +25. ISAAC, 1717.
- 26. MARY, 1726-1779; m. in 1750 Elisha Bullen.

20.

JOSHUA⁴ (Jonathan,³ Jonathan,² Thomas¹), after the death of his father, appears to have taken up his abode with his grandfather, Captain Jonathan, whose homestead he came into possession of at his death. It is certain that he was living on Pound Street, near South, in 1735. He was a housewright by trade, and had perhaps assisted in the erection of the house. He was chosen sealer of weights and measures in 1742, and on the board of selectmen in 1755, 1757, and 1758. He married in 1732 Sarah Allen (38), who died in 1742; second, in 1743, Sarah, widow of Isaac Chenery (11), who died in 1748; third, Widow Rachel Bullard, of Wrentham. In 1762, he deeded the homestead to his son Asa. Children:—

- +27. LEMUEL, 1735.
- +28. ASA, 1737.
- 29. CATHERINE, 1738; m. in 1759 Jonathan Adams of Medway
- 30. SARAH, 1740-1740.
- 31. MICAH, 1742-1742.
- 32. MICAH, 1744.
- 33. MOSES, 1749.
- 34. ELIJAH, 1751.
- 35. JOSHUA, 1754.
- 36. SARAH, 1759.
- 37. ELISHA, 1761.

25.

ISAAC⁴ (Joseph,³ Jonathan,² Thomas¹) settled upon the home place at the south end. He married in 1738 Kezia Smith (63). He died at Sheffield in 1758. Children:—

- 38. KEZIA, 1738; m. in 1762 Oliver Clark of Walpole.
- +39. JOSEPH, 1741.
- 40. HANNAH, 1745-1791; m. in 1771 Asa Wight (90).
- +41. BENJAMIN, 1743.
- 42. JABEZ, 1749-1776; killed at Ticonderoga.
- 43. MERCY, 1750; was living in 1763.
- 44. ELIZABETH, 1756-1846; m. in 1787 Simeon Chenery (22).

27.

LEMUEL⁵ (Joshua,⁴ Jonathan,³ Jonathan,² Thomas¹) does not appear to have had a permanent home, but was said to be of Medfield, when he enlisted for the French war. He married in 1757 Mary Seaver; second, Anna —, who died in 1773. Children:—

- 45. OLIVER, 1758-1759.
- 46. REBECCA, 1761.
- 47. RACHEL, 1762. Illegitimate; was bound out by the town in 1769, apparently to Widow Mary Wight. See Ann Cheney (41).
- 48. ANNA, 1769; bound out by the town in 1775.

28.

ASA⁵ (Joshua,⁴ Jonathan,³ Jonathan,² Thomas¹) succeeded to the possession of the ancestral homestead, where he spent his life. He was one of the selectmen in 1788. He married in 1763 Priscilla Cutler (7), who died in 1827. He died in 1803. Children :—

- +49. SILAS, 1765.
- +50. AMOS, 1766.
- 51. SARAH, 1768; m. in 1799 Amos Cheever of Wrentham.
- 52. PRISCILLA, 1773; m. in 1802 Squire Morse of Shrewsbury, Vt.
- 53. ASA, 1775-1776.
- 54. HANNAH, 1777-1848; m. in 1807 Elisha Clark (214), and inherited her father's place.

39.

JOSEPH⁵ (Isaac,⁴ Joseph,³ Jonathan,² Thomas¹) married in 1763 Miriam Clark (111), and lived for several years on the place where he was born at the south end. He enlisted into the French war in 1759, and experienced some of the hardships of that service. (See history.) In 1781, he sold out his property in Medfield, and removed to Sturbridge. He was under discipline of the Medfield church in 1802. Died in 1812, his wife in the following year. Children :—

- 55. ISAAC, 1764; settled in Sturbridge.
- 56. WIET, 1766; died in Sturbridge in 1783.
- 57. JOSEPH, 1769.
- 58. PAUL, 1771; died in Sturbridge in 1813.
- 59. SILAS, 1771.
- 60. EXPERIENCE C., 1775; m. in 1795 David P. Lancaster of Sturbridge.

41.

BENJAMIN⁵ (Isaac,⁴ Joseph,³ Jonathan,² Thomas¹) lived with his brother Joseph until the place was sold in 1781, when he removed to Walpole, afterward to Dedham. He married Unity Plimpton (51), who died in 1828. He died in 1804. Children :—

- 61. CATHERINE, 1767; m. in 1801 Henry Plimpton (95).
- 62. CONSIDER, 1769-1769.
- 63. OLIVE, 1771; m. Joseph Guild.
- 64. ABIGAIL, 1773; m. Thomas Clapp.
- 65. JOHN, 1775; went to Sturbridge.
- 66. BENJAMIN, 1777-1834.
- 67. JABEZ, 1779; died young.
- 68. UNITY, 1783; born in Walpole.

Two other children were born in Walpole.

49.

SILAS⁶ (Asa,⁵ Joshua,⁴ Jonathan,³ Jonathan,² Thomas¹) settled on the road leading to South Plain, at the place corner of Elm

and Cross Streets. He married in 1785 Phebe Armsby of Wrentham. He died in 1841, his wife in 1848. Children:—

69. JOSEPH, 1787-1787.
70. LUCINDA, 1788; m. in 1812 Isaac Wellman.
71. JOHN, 1791; settled in Worcester.
72. NANCY, 1796; m. Isaac Wellman, husband of her elder sister deceased.
- +73. SILAS, 1801.
74. DANIEL, 1802-1802.

50.

AMOS⁶ (Asa,⁵ Joshua,⁴ Jonathan,³ Jonathan,² Thomas¹) lived on South Street, at the place now owned by Mr. Barts, which his father had bought in 1787. He seems to have lived in Franklin at the date of his marriage and for a short time afterward. He married Susanna Kingsbury of Franklin, who died in 1851. He died in 1843. Children:—

75. ASA, 1789; born in Franklin; enlisted into the United States service, from which he deserted, and suffered the extreme penalty.
76. THEODORE, 1792-1862; unmarried.
77. Infant, 1794-1794.
- +78. { PRESSON, 1798.
79. { LAWSON, 1798-1798.

73.

SILAS⁷ (Silas,⁶ Asa,⁵ Joshua,⁴ Jonathan,³ Jonathan,² Thomas¹) settled on his father's place, where he resided till feeble health compelled him to relinquish labor. He then removed to his son's, in Chicopee. He married in 1825 Caroline Harding (79) who died in 1877. He died in 1881. Children:—

80. MOSES H., 1828; resides in Chicopee.
81. LOUISA C., 1831-1873; m. in 1858 Moses Hartshorn (25).
82. FRANCIS W., 1837-1861; left one son.
83. JOANNA L., 1839; resides in Newton.

78.

PRESSON⁷ (Amos,⁶ Asa,⁵ Joshua,⁴ Jonathan,³ Jonathan,² Thomas¹) married Fanny Williams of Mansfield; resided in Ashland. Daughter:—

84. SUSANNA, 1823; married and resides in Ashland.

85.

JAMES H.⁷ (James,⁶ James,⁵ James,⁴ Thomas,³ Jonathan,² Thomas¹) was born in Wrentham in 1808. He came to Medfield when a young man, and kept a store on the corner of Main and South Streets. He married Mary Kendall of Lowell; went

from here to Baltimore, afterward to Roxbury, Mass., and to Lowell, where he died. He was town clerk here in 1836-37. Children:—

86. FRANCES E., 1835.
87. JAMES H., 1836.
88. ELIZABETH R., 1838.

BRASTOW.

BERIAH BRASTOW was born in 1751, and came to Medfield from Wrentham about 1806. His wife, Jerusha Kollock, was a granddaughter of Ephraim Wheelock (36). Her brother, who was a wealthy physician in the South, and who occasionally came north during the summer with his retinue of colored servants, built a house for his sister in Medfield, the same now used for the almshouse. The Brastow family resided there for some time, and from them came the name of "Brastow's bridge." Colonel Brastow appears to have been a prominent citizen; he died in 1824. Children:—

2. SALLY; m. in 1810 Jairus Ware of Wrentham.
- +3. LEMUEL K., 1788.
- +4. ADDISON, 1794.

There were also other children.

3.

LEMUEL K.² (Beriah¹) married Lydia Adams (153), who died in 1816; second, Adelaide Cornette of Wrentham. He was a deputy sheriff while he lived here. He owned the house now the property of William Forbes, which he sold in 1824, and removed to Nashua, N.H., where he died. Children:—

5. MARIA, 1816-1841.
6. ADELAIDE C., 1822.
7. LOUIS C., 1825; resides in Wilkesbarre, Pa.
8. SALLY W., 1826.

4.

ADDISON² (Beriah¹) was a watchmaker by trade. He married Mary Bullard of Sharon, who died in 1821. He removed to Lowell, and died in 1854. Children:—

9. ADDISON, 1817; died in infancy.
10. ADDISON, 1820.
11. MARY B., 1821-1822.

BRECK.

THOMAS BRECK married in Dorchester in 1656 Mary Hill, sister of John Hill, with whom he came to the "farms" in 1658. The farms were not in any organized town; and the settlers had their record of births, marriages, and deaths at Medfield. Dur-

ing the first twenty years, many births were recorded of families that never lived on Medfield soil. Among these is the family of Thomas Breck. He died in 1723. Children:—

2. MARY, 1657; born in Dorchester.
3. SUSANNA, 1663-1664; recorded in Medfield.
4. SUSANNA, 1667; m. John Adams (4).
5. JOHN, 1671; m. Mehitable Morse, and had a son Jonas.
6. BETHIA, 1673.
7. NATHANIEL, 1682; recorded in Sherborn.
8. SAMUEL, 1682.

9.

JOSEPH⁴ (Jonas,³ John,² Thomas¹), born in Sherborn in 1741, came to Medfield, and bought the farm near "Death's bridge." He married, first, Mary Fairbanks of Medway, who died, aged thirty-nine, in 1788; second, in 1789, Hannah Plimpton (82), who died in 1831. Joseph died in 1820. Children:—

10. EXPERIENCE, 1776-1846; m. John Harmstad (1).
11. COMFORT, 1779-1807.
- +12. JOSEPH, 1783.
13. AMASA, 1788; settled in Providence.
14. SILENCE, 1790-1790.
15. HANNAH, 1794; m. Dr. Sylvanus Plimpton (83).

12.

JOSEPH⁵ (Joseph,⁴ Jonas,³ John,² Thomas¹) settled on the homestead, where he spent his life as a farmer. He married in 1824 Sally, widow of Theodore Ware of Wrentham, daughter of Jesse Daniels of Medway. He died in 1861, his widow in 1876. Children:—

16. SALLY D., 1825; m. in 1845 John W. Perry.
17. CYNTHIA A., 1826; m. in 1851 Thomas J. Baker (42).
18. JOSEPHINE M., 1830-1874.
19. JOSEPH L., 1837-1880; m. in 1870 Julia Mullen; resided on the paternal homestead, and had one daughter, Gertrude W., born in 1872.

20.

LUTHER⁴ (Elijah,³ John,² Thomas¹), born in Sherborn in 1763, came to Medfield, where he resided for a short time, and married in 1785 Olive Clark (126). They had one son, Calvin, born in 1785.

21.

JONATHAN BRECK was born in Dorchester in 1762; in 1789 married Patience Dunton (2). He lived in the house at the east corner of Main and Bridge Streets. He went to Union, Me., about 1820. Died in 1829. Children:—

- +22. EDWARD, 1790.
23. BENJAMIN D., 1792; went to New York.

24. JOSEPH, 1794; dealer in seeds and agricultural supplies, Boston. He sold the old homestead, corner of Main and Bridge Streets, to William Peters in 1824.
25. ANNA, 1796; m. Jacob White, Union, Me.
26. SAMUEL, 1798; resided in Brighton.
27. WILLIAM, 1800; went to Southern California.
28. MARGARET, 1802; died at Hope, Me.
29. JONATHAN D., 1805; died in Newton.
30. ELIAS, 1807; lives in Franklin.

22.

EDWARD² (Jonathan¹) married in 1816 Roxana Dean, and appears to have removed shortly afterward, probably with his father. He was in Union, Me., in 1820. Daughter:—

31. ELLEN D., 1817.

32.

EDWARD BRECK, hatter, brother of Jonathan (21), married Sarah Vose of Milton, and resided in this town several years. Children:—

33. FRANCIS V., 1796; found dead in the field, 1823.
34. CHARLES, 1798; settled in Milton.
35. SARAH, 1800-1824.
36. EDWIN, 1802; settled in Milton.
37. MARY D., 1804; m. Charles Adams (89).
38. JAMES, 1807-1884; settled in Milton.

BRETT.

URIAH BRETT came from Bridgewater about 1818. He married Polly Allen (154). He was a carpenter by trade, and was possessed of musical skill, which was exercised as leader of the First Parish choir and as a teacher of singing-schools. He died in 1836, at the age of forty-one; and his widow married Deacon Capen of Canton. Children:—

2. ALLEN; settled in Pawtucket.
3. KINGMAN, 1823.
4. ELIZABETH, 1825-1827.
5. MARY C., 1828.
6. ELIZABETH.

BRUCE.

HENRY P. BRUCE came to Medfield from Walpole. He was a mason by occupation, which he followed here for many years. He married in 1836 Miriam Fisher (68), and died in 1880. Children:—

2. ROBERT H., 1837-1878; m. in 1863 Vesta Sawyer.
3. GUSTAVUS, 1838; m. in 1865 Elsie Cummings.
4. GEORGE W., 1841; m. in 1876 Sarah H. Fisher (77).
5. CATHERINE P., 1843-1866; m. in 1866 Walter J. Russell (8).

6. JOHN W., 1845; m. Mrs. Esther Niles.
7. ALMIRA M., 1848; m. in 1872 Warren F. Whittemore.
8. CHARLES F., 1851; m. in 1878 Jennie F. Smith.
9. ALBERT F., 1853; m. in 1881 Florence Morehead.
10. EMMA, 1855; m. in 1880 Albert J. Babcock (9).
11. JACOB P., 1858; m. in 1881 Lura Small.

BULLARD.

JOHN BULLARD was at Watertown in 1636, was one of the original signers of the Dedham compact, and came to that town at its settlement. He took the freeman's oath in 1640, and at the settlement of Medfield joined the new enterprise. He came here in the fall of 1651 or the following spring. His house lot was on Main Street, the estate now owned by Mr. Harwood. The original house gave place to its successor, which is still standing, in 1696. His wife Magdalen was received to the church in Dedham in 1639. She died in 1661. He married as his second wife Widow Ellen Dickerman, widow of Thomas of Dorchester. She died in 1676. John Bullard was killed in 1678 "by the overthrowing of a cart," as the old record has it. His will gave the homestead to his son Joseph, with legacies to be paid to his son-in-law, John Partridge, and daughters, Abigail Stockwell and Hannah, wife of Benjamin Allen. There is no mention of any other heirs. Children:—

2. MAGDALEN; m. in 1655 John Partridge (45), and died in 1677.
3. ABIGAIL, 1641; m. in 1666 Quintane Stockwell; settled in Deerfield. In 1677, about twenty of the settlers in the Connecticut Valley were carried captive by the Indians to Canada, among whom was Quintane Stockwell. He returned to Deerfield after several months of hardship. An account of his captivity was published in 1684.
- +4. JOSEPH, 1643.
5. HANNAH, 1645; m. in 1669 Benjamin Allen.
6. MICHAEL, 1648; probably died young.

A son John remained in Dedham.

4.

JOSEPH² (John¹) appears to have owned a homestead before his father's death, located on the east side of the Harbor Island road, a few rods from the corner of Main Street. This house was destroyed by the Indians; and he never rebuilt it, but settled with his father. In 1695, he purchased and settled upon a lot of land lying on what is now the Dedham road, near the corner of the three towns, Medfield, Dover, and Walpole. In the following year, he sold the old place; and it came into the possession of Rev. Mr. Baxter. He died prior to 1722, and his widow received aid from this town for several years. The record of his marriage has not been found. Children:—

- +7. JOSEPH, 1665.
8. SARAH, 1667.
- +9. JOHN, 1670.

10. SAMUEL, 1672.
11. RACHEL, 1674; m. in 1701 Benoni Morse (34).
12. NATHANIEL, 1677-1753; lived near his father's place in Dedham.
13. SOLOMON, 1679-1679.
14. { HANNAH, 1681.
15. { ABIEL, 1681.
- +16. EBENEZER, 1685.

7.

JOSEPH³ (Joseph,² John¹) lived in this town for some years, removed to Dedham, and apparently returned. After 1716, we lose sight of him. He married in 1691 Margaret Cheney (11). Children :—

17. SUSANNA, 1692; m. Thomas Jephanson.
18. ABIGAIL, 1694; m. in 1717 Isaac Bolster of Brookline.
19. JEMIMA, 1698.
20. MARGARET, 1700.
21. SOLOMON, 1702-1768; lived at Walpole.
22. JOSEPH, 1706; born in Dedham.
23. TRYALL, 1709-1716.
24. SUBMIT, 1711.

9.

JOHN³ (Joseph,² John¹) married in 1701 Abigail Warren (4). After residing here a few years, he removed to Dedham. Children :—

25. THANKFUL, 1702.
26. JOHN, 1705.
27. ABIGAIL, 1708; m. in 1733 Ebenezer Lyon of Needham.
28. EXPERIENCE, 1710-1755; m. Ephraim Wheelock (36).
29. ELIZABETH, 1712. She, with her sister Experience, was received to communion in the church here in 1735.
30. JOSIAH, 1714.

A son Jonathan is also mentioned, though not recorded:

16.

EBENEZER³ (Joseph,² John¹) spent his life in Medfield, though where his residence was, if indeed he owned one, cannot be determined. He seems to have been in reduced circumstances in the latter part of his life, as in the town records for 1750 we learn that he had "liberty to build a small house on the town's land between Nathaniel Smith's and Joshua Boyden's, near the crown-er's fence, for him and his wife to live in." Whether the house was built or not does not appear. There is no record of any house in that locality, which was at the corner of South and Pound Streets. He was admitted to full communion in 1742. He died in 1765, his wife in 1763. Children :—

- +31. JOSHUA, 1716.
32. EBENEZER; m. in 1742 Mary Wight (61); said to be of North Ipswich.

33. JOSEPH, 1719-1792: died at Mason, N.H.
34. SUSANNA, 1722: m. in 1748 William Wight (53).
35. NATHAN, 1724; received to full communion here in 1742.
36. SARAH, 1728; m. in 1752 Josiah Lyon of Souhegan.
37. HEZEKIAH, 1730; said to have lived in Wrentham.
38. KEZIA, 1730-1730.
39. RACHEL, 1732-1775; unmarried.

31.

JOSHUA⁴ (Ebenezer,³ Joseph,² John¹) was a cordwainer by trade. He married in 1741 Judith Bullen (29), and lived upon her father's place, which was a little to the east of that now owned by M. B. H. Bishop. Judith died in 1744; and he married in the same year Olive Harding (43), who died in 1747. He married in that year Anna, widow of Nathan Penniman (7). He held the office of sealer of leather in 1742. His third wife was sole heir to her father's estate, which was sold in 1751 to Robert Hinsdale. Joshua died in 1792, his wife in 1813. Children:—

40. JOB, 1743-1752.
41. RHODA, 1745-1746.
- +42. SILAS, 1747.
43. JUDITH, 1749; m. in 1771 Eliphalet Fisher of Dedham; died in 1796.
44. NATHAN, 1754; settled at Newburgh, N.Y.
45. ANNA, 1756-1843; m. Benjamin Rockwood.
- +46. JOHN, 1758.
47. OLIVE, 1761-1779.
48. ABIGAIL, 1764-1789.
49. KEZIA, 1766-1842; m. John Sanger of Sherborn.
50. ZILIAH, 1770-1795.

42.

SILAS⁵ (Joshua,⁴ Ebenezer,³ Joseph,² John¹) bought in 1777 a part of the old Smith homestead on the west side of South Street. The ancient house upon it stood near where that of Moses F. Clarke now stands. He afterward bought the house on the opposite side of the street. He married in 1778 Sarah Baxter (15), who died in 1780; second, in 1782, Thankful Adams of Medway. He died in 1825, and his widow in 1848. Children:—

51. ICHABOD, 1780-1780.
52. SARAH, 1785-1828; m. in 1809 Wales Plimpton (106).
53. AME, 1793; m. in 1826 Joseph Draper of Dedham.
- +54. MOSES, 1796.

46.

JOHN⁵ (Joshua,⁴ Ebenezer,³ Joseph,² John¹) lived on the place now owned by R. W. Sherman. He was a cordwainer by trade. He married in 1780 Thankful Allen (68), who died in 1784; second, in 1790, Calle Hartshorn (3), who died in 1839. He suf-

ferred at one time with partial insanity, but recovered, and lived to old age, dying in 1845. Children :—

- +55. ELIJAH, 1781.
- 56. OLIVE, 1782-1808; m. in 1803 Benjamin Sanger of Sherborn; second, Thomas Bigelow.
- 57. THANKFUL, 1784-1807; m. in 1806 Wales Plimpton (106).

54.

MOSES⁶ (Silas,⁵ Joshua,⁴ Ebenezer,³ Joseph,² John¹) settled on his father's place, where he spent his life. He married in 1822 Elizabeth Taylor of Stoughton, who died in 1831. He died in 1871. Children :—

- 58. JOHN T., 1823.
- 59. MARY, 1825-1828.
- 60. ELIZABETH, 1826.
- 61. MARY J., 1829.
- 62. SARAH P., 1830.

55.

ELIJAH⁶ (John,⁵ Joshua,⁴ Ebenezer,³ Joseph,² John¹) was a piano-forte-maker by trade, and for several years resided in Boston. Afterward, he purchased a farm in the north part of the town, where he lived until the death of his wife, in 1860. He married Mary C. Temple of Milford. He died in 1871. Children :—

- +63. JOHN E., 1813.
- 64. ELIJAH C., 1814-1833.
- +65. WILLIAM H., 1815.
- +66. HINSDALE F., 1817.
- 67. MARY O., 1819; m. in 1843 James Draper.
- 68. BETSY F., 1820-1854; m. in 1842 F. D. Richardson of Medway.
- 69. LAURA, 1822; m. in 1849 Bushrod W. Abbott of Lawrence; second, F. D. Richardson.
- 70. SUSAN M., 1825.
- 71. GEORGE E., 1826-1835.
- 72. CHARLES C., 1828-1846.
- 73. SARAH J., 1829; m. in 1859 Lawson Gibbs of Ashland.
- 74. ELLEN F., 1831-1835.
- 75. ABBY A., 1833-1862.

63.

JOHN E.⁷ (Elijah,⁶ John,⁵ Joshua,⁴ Ebenezer,³ Joseph,² John¹) for some years worked at piano-forte-making in Boston, afterward settled in this town, where he carried on the business of painting and paper hanging. He married in 1840 Eliza A. Cole (23), who died in 1850; second, Mrs. Sarah P. Cram of Rumney, N.H., who died in 1885. Children :—

- 76. JOHN F., 1842-1861.
- 77. ALBERT E., 1845-1856.
- 78. CHARLES A., 1848-1849.
- 79. SARAH E., 1853; m. in 1873 Allen P. Carr.
- 80. LAURA A. B., 1860.

65.

WILLIAM H.⁷ (Elijah,⁶ John,⁵ Joshua,⁴ Ebenezer,³ Joseph,² John¹) was a carpenter, and spent his life in Medfield and vicinity. He married in 1841 Ann Hartshorn (23). He died in 1878. Children:—

- 81. FRANCES A., 1841.
- 82. WILLIAM H., 1843.
- 83. CHARLES W., 1854.

66.

HINSDALE F.⁷ (Elijah,⁶ John,⁵ Joshua,⁴ Ebenezer,³ Joseph,² John¹) married in 1839 Emily T. Thayer (4). Children:—

- +84. GEORGE H., 1839
- 85. EMILY M., 1841-1874; m. Charles Eastman.
- 86. HENRIETTA T., 1845; m. Frank Taylor; second, Charles D. Johnson.
- 87. MARY E., 1847.
- 88. ADA L., 1850; m. in 1873 William H. Cook of Newton.
- 89. LESTER C., 1852-1855.
- 90. LESTER C., 1856; m. in 1881 Maria M. Clark.
- 91. ELIJAH C., 1858.
- 92. ESTHER W., 1861; m. in 1883 Charles La Croix.

84.

GEORGE H.⁸ (Hinsdale F.,⁷ Elijah,⁶ John,⁵ Joshua,⁴ Ebenezer,³ Joseph,² John¹) married in 1864 Laurette Richardson. Children:—

- 93. FLORENCE L., 1865.
- 94. CORA L., 1867.
- 95. GEORGE L., 1869.

96.

ELEAZAR BULLARD was the son of Benjamin of Sherborn, born in 1676. He settled in Medfield, where he was known as Lieutenant Eleazar. He married in 1705 Sarah, widow of Eleazar Leland (she was twenty years his senior), who owned the place in the north end known as the Bishop Place. Leland died without children, and gave the estate to his wife, who at her death, in 1733, gave it to her second husband. He married, second, in 1734, Hannah, widow of John Bowers (6). In 1748, he conveyed his homestead to Moses Harding (36), who had married his niece. He died in 1753, without children. His second wife died in 1761. At his death, he bequeathed £5 to the church. He served as a selectman in 1722-24.

97.

ENOCH BULLARD came from Sharon to Medfield about 1820, and remained till 1832. He is thought to be a descendant of William Bullard of Dedham, a brother of John¹ of Medfield. After his

removal from Medfield to Roxbury, he served the county as deputy sheriff. He married in 1819 Olive Gilbert. Children:—

98. HELEN M., 1820; m. Albert Richards of Sharon.
99. FRANCES M., 1821; m. Oliver H. Whittemore of Sharon.
100. DANIEL W., 1824; resided in Roxbury.
101. LUCY IDA, 1826; m. Chester E. Morse of Sharon.
102. SALLY A., 1828; m. George Richards of Sharon.
103. JOHN M., born at Roxbury.

BULLEN.

SAMUEL BULLEN (or Boleyn, according to the English spelling) was at Watertown in 1636; was one of the signers of the Dedham compact; took the freeman's oath in 1641; owned a house there in 1646. His tombstone, erected by his descendants about a century after his death, declares that he was "the first European with a family in this town." It is certain that his house was built prior to November, 1651. It stood a few rods north of Philip Street, opposite the house of F. D. Hamant. His buildings were burned by the Indians; and he removed for a while to Sherborn, and became a tenant of his brother, Daniel Morse. In 1679, "Samuel Bullen, late of Medfield," sent in a petition for favor as to his rates, he having suffered losses in the time of the war, and having been obliged to aid his "necessitous children." He returned to Medfield, and rebuilt soon afterward. He was one of the selectmen here in 1682, and was chosen deacon prior to 1689. His house was standing as late as 1798. Besides other outlands, he had a "divident" on the east side of Mount Nebo, in the region now known as "Goudy." He married in 1641 Mary Morse (8). He and his wife both died in 1691. Children:—

- +2. SAMUEL, 1644.
- 3. MARY, 1642-1726; m. in 1669 Ephraim Clark (4).
- 4. ELIZABETH, 1646; m. in 1668 Benjamin Wheelock (4).
- +5. JOHN, 1648.
- +6. JOSEPH, 1651.
- 7. EPHRAIM, 1653-1694; settled in Sherborn.
- 8. MELETIAH, 1655; m. in 1679 Josiah Fisher of Dedham.
- +9. ELISHA, 1657.
- 10. ELEAZAR, 1662-1662.
- 11. BETHIA, 1664; m. Benjamin Colburn.

2.

SAMUEL² (Samuel¹) seems to have remained in this town while his father was in Sherborn, as he and his brother Joseph were here in 1678. He came into possession of the old homestead at his father's death. He married Experience Sabin (3), who was received to communion here from the church in Rehoboth in 1697. He died in 1736, having outlived his wife eight years. They left no children; and the place was given to Stephen Sabin (22) of Pomfret, Conn., who came to this town about 1715.

5.

JOHN² (Samuel¹) was a housewright by trade. His house was in the north part of the town, a short distance to the east of the present residence of M. B. H. Bishop. The old cellar, visible a few years since, has been filled up; and an orchard has been planted on the site. He had a grant of land in 1677, and probably built his house soon after. He married in 1683 Judith Fisher. He died in 1703. Both he and his wife were in full communion in 1697. He served as a selectman in 1689 and 1697. His wife's death is not recorded here. Children:—

- 12. JUDITH, 1689; m. John Adams (21).
- +13. JOHN, 1691.
- 14. DAVID, 1694; settled in Medway.
- 15. MICHAEL, 1696-1747; settled in Medway.
- 16. MARY, 1699.
- 17. SILENCE, 1701-1701.
- 18. SAMUEL, 1702-1736.

6.

JOSEPH² (Samuel¹) was a weaver, and settled in the north part of the town, on what is now Railroad Street. The place is now owned in part by Mr. Lovell. He was probably located there as early as 1680. He and his wife were in full communion in 1697. He married in 1674 Abigail Sabin (5). He died without children in 1704. At the death of his wife in 1721, the place was given to David Morse (128), who had married her niece.

9.

ELISHA² (Samuel¹) married in 1683 Hannah Metcalf (7), and resided in Sherborn till about 1686, when he came to Medfield, and settled on the place now owned by M. B. H. Bishop. His wife died in 1719. He lived till 1736, and at his death gave his estate to his two sons, on condition of their paying to the other heirs the sum of £530. Children:—

- +19. ELISHA, 1684.
- +20. SAMUEL, 1687.
- 21. JONATHAN, 1694-1694.
- 22. JONATHAN, 1695; died in infancy.
- 23. HANNAH, 1697-1765; m. in 1716 Josiah Fisher (32).
- 24. MIRIAM, 1702-1727; m. in 1721 Ephraim Wheelock (36).

13.

JOHN³ (John,² Samuel¹) inherited his father's place by paying £32 to each of his five brothers and sisters. He married in 1709 Sarah Underwood, whose only child, John, died in infancy; second, in 1715, Mehitable Fisher (30). In 1721, he kept a school at his own house for the benefit of the children in the north part

of the town; and he served as a member of the board of selectmen in 1733 and 1735. He died in 1741, his wife in 1751. At his death, the place was divided. Children:—

25. MEHITABLE, 1716-1754; m. in 1753 Thomas Harding of Medway.
26. JOHN, 1718-1718.
27. TIMOTHY, 1719-1719.
28. KEZIA, 1720; m. in 1741 Seth Morse (132), who was drowned with his two boys in 1753; second, in 1757, Rev. Phillips Payson of Walpole.
29. JUDITH, 1723; m. in 1741 Joshua Bullard (31).

19.

ELISHA³ (Elisha,² Samuel¹) was born in Sherborn. He settled in Medfield on the south side of Farm Street, near the railroad crossing. The cellar of his house has been plainly visible till within a few years. His father had bought the place in 1707 of Joshua Wight. Elisha, Jr., was living on it as early at least as 1718, and came into full possession in 1735. He married in 1713 Lydia Ellis (14), who died in 1726; second, in 1727, Abigail Mason, daughter of John of Dedham. She died in 1727; and he married, third, in 1737, Ruth Ellis, daughter of Joseph of Dedham. Elisha died in 1757, his wife Ruth in 1770. Children:—

30. EBENEZER, 1714-1714.
31. { MARY, 1715-1715.
32. { MARTHA, 1715-1715. *
33. LYDIA, 1717; probably died young.
- +34. ELISHA, 1720.
- +35. ICHABOD, 1727.

20.

SAMUEL³ (Elisha,² Samuel¹) settled on the paternal homestead. He married in 1721 Sarah Morse, daughter of Samuel of Sherborn. He appears as one of the selectmen in 1735. He died in 1749, his wife in 1764. Children:—

36. SAMUEL, 1722-1736.
37. SARAH, 1726-1736.
- +38. MOSES, 1731.

34.

ELISHA⁴ (Elisha,³ Elisha,² Samuel¹) probably built the house now standing on the north side of Farm Street, near the railroad crossing. He married in 1750 Mary Boyden (26), who died in 1779. He died in 1785. Children:—

- +40. AMAZIAH, 1754.
41. GAD, 1756-1756.

35.

ICHABOD⁴ (Elisha,³ Elisha,² Samuel¹) came into possession or, at least, resided upon the homestead that had been his father's. He died in 1801. He married in 1751 Prudence Boyden of Walpole, who died in 1813. The old house was standing at the time of her death. The Bullen estate on both sides of Farm Street was sold to Nathaniel Kingsbury in 1813. Children:—

- 42. PRUDENCE, 1752-1815; m. in 1778 Gershom Adams (147).
- 43. ISAIAH, 1754-1754
- 44. ABIGAIL, 1757-1825; m. in 1781 Nathan Adams (145); second, in 1796, Amos Smith (198).
- +45. BELA, 1762.

38.

MOSES BULLEN was a man of great intelligence and public spirit. He was an ardent patriot during the Revolution, and took a conspicuous part in directing public sentiment relating to it. Many of the stirring resolutions passed by the town at this time were from his pen. He was a member of the committee of public safety in the town and of the committee of correspondence with the town of Boston, a delegate to the Provincial Congress held at Cambridge, and member of the General Court in the years 1769, 1770, 1773, 1774.

He was much given to writing upon public and political questions, such as the public credit and the currency, which after the war was much depreciated. He was a large land-owner; and, dying childless, with a view to keep his land together, and, as he says, "from a regard to the surname of Bullen, which I wish to perpetuate in this town," he devised his homestead, after the death of his wife Caroline, to his relative Moses Bullen and his heirs forever, on condition that the same should never be sold to any person except said heirs, or leased or suffered to be taken on execution. This condition proved inoperative; and, resting on the legal opinion of Theophilus Parsons, then the leading lawyer of the State, the property was sold, by the relative to whom it was devised, to Moses B. Harding.

He was an earnest reader of books, especially those relating to the questions then under discussion,—such as Church and State in England, separation from the mother country, and forms of government to be adopted here,—and was much interested in collecting and planting rare trees and plants. He was severe in criticism of opponents, and by will left to the town a sum of money in depreciated currency which he possessed, remarking that this was heaping coals of fire upon the heads of those who had favored investing the school and ministerial funds in the same medium. The inscription on his grave-stone, "He was a friend to the rights of the People and the Poor," was written by himself, and well describes his character.

He married in 1758 Caroline Plimpton (56), who survived him, and died in 1821. He died suddenly, while at Sudbury, in 1802.

40.

AMAZIAH⁵ (Elisha,⁴ Elisha,³ Elisha,² Samuel¹), after the sale of the homestead in 1783, removed from town. Remaining in Dedham a short time, he finally went to Needham, where he died in 1828. He married in 1776 Rachel Lawrence of Wrentham. Children :—

- 46. JOSEPH, 1777.
- 47. MARY, 1779.
- 48. LYDIA, 1782.
- 49. THADDEUS, 1784; born in Dedham.
- 50. ELISHA.
- 51. ICHABOD; of Walpole in 1819.

45.

BELA⁵ (Ichabod,⁴ Elisha,³ Elisha,² Samuel¹), married in 1783 Elizabeth Hartshorn (7). He sold out here in 1791, and removed to Roxbury. After his death, his widow returned to this town, and was at last insane. She is said to have died from the effects of exposure to cold in 1821. Children :—

- 52. SARAH, 1785; m. Ruggles Whiting of Dover.
- 53. ELIZABETH, 1787; m. in 1809 Alexander Peters (26).
- 54. SAMUEL, 1789; said to have died in the South.
- 55. PRUDENCE, 1792-1809.

CHENERY.

ISAAC CHENERY was the son of Lambert of Dedham. This name is variously spelled,—Genery, Jennery, Chinery, or Chinerie. When Isaac came here in the end of 1651 or early in 1652, he was unmarried. His house lot was on South Street, between James Allen and Henry Smith; very near the spot now occupied by house of Mr. Barts, probably a little farther back, as the road then ran farther west. He married in 1654 Elizabeth Gamlin, daughter of Robert of Roxbury, who mentions "son-in-law, Isaac Chenery," in his will. In 1659, he had a grant of two rods square before his house, to dig a well in.

In 1670, Richard Ellis reports to the town of Dedham that he and Isaac Chenery "Have hopes of discovering a copper mine within the bounds of Wolomolopoag," now Wrentham. About this time, he appears to have located just outside the town limits, in Dedham. The old cellar is yet to be seen, over the brook at the end of Foundry Street. There is no record of the sale of his original place on South Street; but the will of Joseph Clark, 1682, speaks of land he had bought that was Goodman Chenery's. Isaac made his will in 1685, being then, as he says, "living in Dedham, near Medfield." His wife is not mentioned, and had probably died; though there is no record of her death. In fact, the record of the births, marriages, and deaths in this family is very meagre, owing probably to his remoteness from Dedham.

He was in full communion in the church here at Mr. Baxter's settlement, and doubtless attended church in this town. In 1705, Isaac Chenery, Sen., of Dedham, deeded lands to his son-in-law, Eleazar Wheelock. His will was probated in 1711, which is probably the date of his death, though that event is not recorded. Children :—

2. ELIZABETH, 1657; m. — Owen.
- +3. ISAAC, 1659.
4. MARY, 1662-1732; m. Eleazar Wheelock (10).
5. EPHRAIM, 1664; mentioned as a non-resident in 1689; is supposed to have gone on the Canada expedition of 1690.
6. DEBORAH, 1667; m. Thomas Taft.
7. ELEAZAR, 1668; was living in 1789.
8. HANNAH, 1671; had died probably before 1712.
- +9. BENJAMIN, 1673.

3.

ISAAC² (Isaac¹) inherited the homestead lying part in Medfield and part in Dedham. He built a house on the Medfield side of the line, traces of which can be seen near the "old fort." His children were recorded in this town, and he served as constable in 1714. He died in 1727; his wife, Rachel —, in 1769, aged ninety-five. He appears to have married late in life. Children :—

- +10. EPHRAIM, 1710.
- +11. ISAAC, 1711.

9.

BENJAMIN² (Isaac¹) settled in Dedham bounds, now Walpole, and without doubt inherited the house that was his father's, his brother having built for himself. He married Mary, widow of Thomas Clap. He died in 1722; and his will mentions wife Mary, daughters Elizabeth Clap and Hannah Chenery. His widow died in 1735. Daughter :—

12. HANNAH, 1705-1799; m. William Peters (1).

10.

EPHRAIM³ (Isaac,² Isaac¹) bough this brother's rights in the homestead in 1734. The next year he bought a part of the estate belonging to William and Hannah Peters, and in 1747 the remainder of it. He married in 1733 Hannah Smith (55), who died in 1764. He died in 1775. Children :—

- +13. EPHRAIM, 1735.
14. TAPHATH, 1736-1793; unmarried.
15. MARIA, 1738-1812; m. in 1767 James Morse (66).
16. ELIHU, 1739-1807; lived on Foundry Street, at the place now owned by Mrs. Snow; selectman in 1788.
17. HANNAH, 1741-1819.
18. SAMUEL, 1743-1743.

- 19. COMFORT, 1745; m. in 1766 Nathaniel Colburn of Dedham.
- 20. ABIGAIL, 1747-1824; m. in 1766 Elijah Adams (61).
- 21. SAMUEL, 1751.
- +22. SIMEON, 1755.

11.

ISAAC³ (Isaac,² Isaac¹) married in 1733 Sarah Smith (40). He removed to Walpole, and in 1734 sold out his paternal estate to his brother Ephraim. He died in 1742, and his widow married in the following year Joshua Boyden (20). Children:—

- 23. ZILLAH, 1734-1826; m. in 1758 Asa Clark (81).
- 24. SARAH, 1737; m. Eli Morse, Dublin, N.H.
- 25. ELONAI, 1739-1759.
- 26. CHLOE, 1741-1741.
- 27. ISAAC, 1742; was a physician; settled in Holden.

13.

EPHRAIM⁴ (Ephraim,³ Isaac,² Isaac¹) left the old homestead to his brother Simeon, and in 1765 bought the grist mill on Philip Street, and other lands in that neighborhood, the estate of Ephraim Cheney, deceased. He was a prominent man in the town during the Revolutionary times; held the office of selectman in 1771, 1772, 1773, and 1779. Dec. 10, 1775, he was commissioned as captain, and raised a company here for the temporary re-enforcement of the American army. Before this, at the Bunker Hill alarm, he was ploughing out a field of corn for hoeing. He left the plough in the field, and started with the company. His wife and two little boys finished hoeing the corn. He did not go to Bunker Hill, but served awhile at Dorchester Heights. He was representative to the General Court in 1805-6. He married in 1766 Dinah Hamant (22), who died in 1813. He died in 1816. Children:—

- +28. OLIVER, 1766.
- 29. LAMBERT, 1768-1832.
- 30. DAMARIS, 1770-1849; m. in 1801 Jason Harding (65).
- +31. BENJAMIN, 1772.
- 32. SYNTHE, 1774-1776.
- 33. EPHRAIM, 1777; settled in West Roxbury.
- 34. SETH, 1779-1780.
- 35. CYNTHIA, 1781; m. in 1822 Asa Fisher of Walpole.
- +36. SETH, 1783.

22.

SIMEON⁴ (Ephraim,³ Isaac,² Isaac¹) inherited the home place, his family being the last to occupy the house before its demolition. He married in 1787 Elizabeth Boyden (44). He served on the board of selectmen in 1796-97. His death took place in 1831. His wife died in 1846. Children:—

- 37. ISAAC, 1792; m. in 1814 Martha Smith (14). He built the house on Foundry Street now owned by Mrs. Coltman. He died in 1819, his wife in 1820.
- 38. HANNAH, 1797-1848; unmarried.
- 39. JULIA, 1798-1854; unmarried.

28.

OLIVER⁵ (Ephraim,⁴ Ephraim,³ Isaac,² Isaac¹) bought in 1793 an old house on Main Street, where James Hewins, Esq., now lives. He was made captain in 1803. He married in 1793 Sarah Cutler (15). Both died in the same year, 1832. Children:—

- 40. LYMAN, 1793–1857.
- 41. WILLARD, 1796; went to New Haven.
- 42. SARAH, 1797.
- 43. OLIVER, 1799.
- 44. CHARLES, 1801–1824.
- 45. HAMANT, 1802–1835.
- 46. ALMA, 1804–1834; m. Addison Cleaveland.
- 47. HANNAH, 1806–1828.

31.

BENJAMIN⁵ (Ephraim,⁴ Ephraim,³ Isaac,² Isaac¹) resided in Medway and Medfield. He married in 1791 Esther Gould of Medway. He died in 1837, his wife in 1843. Children:—

- 48. BETSEY, 1792; m. in 1813 Joseph Greenwood of Medway.
- 49. ESTHER, 1794–1862.
- 50. HORACE, 1796–1865; resided in Worcester.
- 51. MIRANDA, 1798–1837.
- +52. WARREN, 1801.
- +53. BENJAMIN, 1803.
- 54. CAROLINE D., 1807–1864; m. in 1822 Horace Wight.
- +55. WILLIAM, 1809.
- 56. LOWELL, 1811; m. Mary Holbrook of Sherborn.

36.

SETH⁵ (Ephraim,⁴ Ephraim,³ Isaac,² Isaac¹) inherited his father's estate, including the mills. He served on the board of selectmen in 1821–22, 1843–44. He was also captain of the Medfield military. He married in 1805 Lucretia Smith (130), who died in 1867. He died in 1862. Children:—

- +57. REUBEN, 1805.
- 58. ELIHU, 1808; died in Uxbridge.
- 59. JAMES M., 1809–1874; unmarried.
- 60. ADALINE, 1812; m. in 1836 Ezra Ross of Natick.
- +61. SETH, 1815.
- 62. LUCRETIA, 1817–1866; m. in 1843 Moses H. Johnson (21).
- 63. MARTHA, 1820; m. in 1846 Solon Hardy of West Cambridge.
- 64. A. MARIA, 1823; m. in 1854 James M. Chase of West Cambridge.

52.

WARREN⁶ (Benjamin,⁵ Ephraim,⁴ Ephraim,³ Isaac,² Isaac¹) commenced life as a laborer, but turned his attention to the straw

business, and from small beginnings developed an extensive manufacture. He purchased the place on South Street now owned by J. B. Hale, and constantly increased his business until a large straw shop was built for its accommodation. He relinquished business after his son's death, and the fine shop was destroyed by fire in 1879. He married in 1823 Jael Plimpton (126), who died in 1870. He died in the following year, leaving his estate to his brothers. Son :—

- +65. GEORGE W., 1827.

53.

BENJAMIN⁶ (Benjamin,⁵ Ephraim,⁴ Ephraim,³ Isaac,² Isaac¹) married in 1828 Orinda Daniels of Medway, who died in 1883. Children :—

66. MERCY D., 1828.
 67. WILLIAM H., 1833; m. in 1858 Caroline A. Alexander.
 68. MARY T., 1838.

55.

WILLIAM⁶ (Benjamin,⁵ Ephraim,⁴ Ephraim,³ Isaac,² Isaac¹) married in 1832 Caroline Kingsbury of Walpole, who died in 1833; second, in 1837, Harriet Lewis. Son :—

69. EDMUND, 1838; m. in 1864 Julia A. Howard.

57.

REUBEN⁶ (Seth,⁵ Ephraim,⁴ Ephraim,³ Isaac,² Isaac¹) inherited the homestead and mills which were his father's, since owned by heirs of Peter Nelson. He married in 1843 Jane Brown of Medway. He died in 1883, his wife in 1866. Children :—

70. JOHN B., 1846-1863; killed at the battle of Gettysburg.
 71. GEORGE H., 1849-1853.

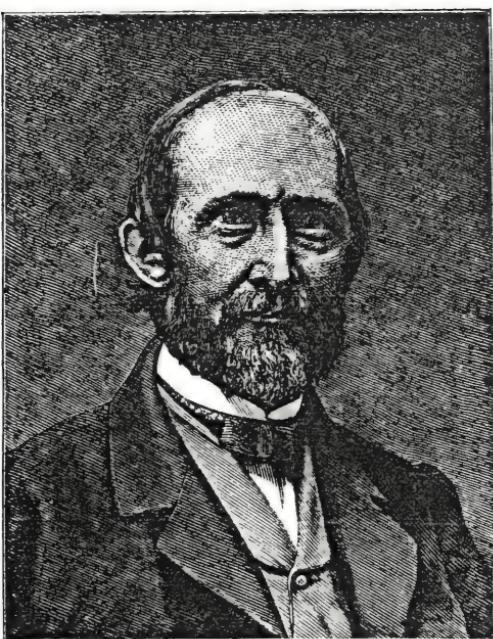
61.

SETH⁶ (Seth,⁵ Ephraim,⁴ Ephraim,³ Isaac,² Isaac¹) married in 1838 Sophia A. Fairbanks of Sterling, who died in 1843; second, in 1844, Eliza A. Jones of Roxbury, Vt., who died in 1853; third, in 1856, Harriet A. Rice of Worcester, who died in 1881. Resided in Clinton. He died in 1883. Children :—

72. FRANK A., 1839-1864; killed at the battle of Cold Harbor.
 73. JAMES P., 1842-1863; killed at Gettysburg.
 74. SOPHIA, 1845-1881; m. in 1873 John Sweet.

65.

GEORGE W.⁷ (Warren,⁶ Benjamin,⁵ Ephraim,⁴ Ephraim,³ Isaac,² Isaac¹) associated himself with his father in the straw goods manufacture. He married in 1850 Julia A. Baker (43), who died in 1863; second, in 1865, Eunice H. Brown of Holliston. Possessed of considerable estate, and leaving no children, he bequeathed a sum of money to the town for the erection of a town hall, which is named in honor of the donor. He died in 1866, his widow in 1879. Children:—



GEORGE W. CHENERY.

- 75. WALDO L., 1851-1851.
- 76. FRANK L., 1853-1856.
- 77. WALDO B., 1855-1857.
- 78. ROBERT D., 1859-1865.

CHENEY.

WILLIAM CHENEY was the son of William of Roxbury. His brother Joseph and his sister Mehitable settled in Medfield. William came to town about 1662, having bought the homestead originally Thomas Grubb's, lying opposite that belonging to heirs of Rev. C. C. Sewall. His wife was Deborah, daughter of Deacon Wiswell of Boston. The records show that an illegitimate child of his was born here of Sarah Daniels, in 1666. In the will of his father in 1667, we find that land in Medfield was to be given him on condition that he and his wife Deborah be reconciled and live together in Medfield or elsewhere, to the satisfaction of Deacon Wiswell; but not in Providence or in that jurisdiction. Provided, also, that what he, the father, and Deacon Wiswell stand engaged to the court for, be paid: otherwise, the bequest was to go to Deacon Wiswell. William and Deborah apparently became reconciled, and lived here till about 1676, then removed to Dorchester.

In his will, he mentions his wife Deborah and brother Joseph of Medfield. He also gives Lydia Winsor ten shillings "for going of errands for me in my late imprisonment." On the whole, we do not receive a very favorable impression of him. His second house, after the Indian war, was on the north side of Main Street, near Bridge Street; and he sold his place in 1680 to Matthias Evans. Deborah survived him, and became the wife of Ebenezer Williams of Dorchester. Children:—

2. DEBORAH, 1662-1663.
3. WILLIAM, 1664-1664.
4. DEBORAH, 1666.
5. WILLIAM, 1670.
6. JOHN, 1673.
7. BENJAMIN; born in Dorchester.
8. Posthumous child.

9.

JOSEPH CHENEY, brother of William, married in 1668 Hannah Thurston (9). He settled probably in the east part of the town, on land which had been granted to his father-in-law, lately owned by Caleb Ellis. His first wife died in 1690; and he married Mehitable, widow of Ephraim Hinsdale (8). Joseph Cheney's will mentions daughter Mehitable Hinsdale, as well as his own daughter Mehitable, wife of Jeremiah Morse. He died in 1704. His widow married Deacon Jonathan Adams of Medway, and died in 1725. Children:—

10. HANNAH, 1669; died young.
11. MARGARET, 1670; m. in 1691 Joseph Bullard (7).
12. PRUDENCE, 1672-1685.
13. JOSEPH, 1674; died young.
14. SUSANNA, 1676-1690.
15. MEHITABLE, 1680-1727; m. in 1700 Jeremiah Morse (38).
16. MARY, 1683.
- +17. JOSIAH, 1685.
18. PRUDENCE, 1687; m. in 1708 Gershom Lake.
19. MELITIAH, 1690.
20. HANNAH, 1692-1694.
21. JOSEPH, 1694-1718; a weaver; died unmarried.
- +22. EPHRAIM, 1696.
23. HANNAH, 1699; was living unmarried in 1720.

17.

JOSIAH² (Joseph¹) certainly lived on the homestead lately owned by Caleb Ellis, and which was no doubt the property of his father. At what time a house was built there is unknown, but probably not till after the Indian war. His first wife, Hannah, died in 1717; and he married, second, Hannah, widow of Samuel Smith (27), who died in 1722. He died in 1754, having deeded his house to his son Timothy. He owned a share in a saw mill near his house prior to 1729. Children:—

24. ELIZABETH, 1707; m. Peter Taft of Uxbridge.
- +25. JOSEPH, 1709.

26. HANNAH, 1711; m. — Taft.
27. MARY, 1713-1755; m. in 1738 Jonathan Lovell (16).
28. ESTHER, 1715; m. in 1733 Joshua Armsby (3).
29. JOSIAH, 1724; m. in 1752 Thankful Clark (14), and settled in Holden.
30. EBENEZER, 1725.
- +31. TIMOTHY, 1726.
32. SAMUEL, 1730; m. in 1766 Olive Wight (98), and settled in Dover.
33. SIMON, 1730-1755; died unmarried.
34. RHODA, 1734; m. in 1761 Job Colburn of Dedham.
35. § SILENCE, 1736-1736.
36. † ELIPHALET, 1736-1736.

22.

EPHRAIM² (Joseph¹) built the grist mill in the east part of the town, of late owned by heirs of Peter Nelson. There was a saw-mill on the brook some distance above, probably built by John Adams, in which Cheney owned a share. He married in 1726 Ann Clark (63); and at his death, in 1759, he gave the grist mill to his wife, together with the lower part of the house. His three daughters were to have a right in the house while they remained single; and at Ann's death, which occurred in 1764, the property was sold. He was on the board of selectmen in 1738 and 1759. Children :—

37. SARAH, 1727-1806; m. in 1762 Nathaniel Stearns (1).
- +38. LEVI, 1730.
39. RACHEL, 1732-1750.
40. EPHRAIM, 1734-1749.
41. ANN, 1736-1762. Her child, Rachel Boyden, born in 1762, was taken care of by her eldest sister, who was paid by the town for the service, until the child at seven years of age was bound out by the selectmen. Perhaps married Abel Guy of Holliston, 1779, and died in 1790.
42. HANNAH, 1739; mother of Abel Partridge, 1765; probably married Daniel Wedge of Bellingham in 1774.
43. JOSEPH, 1741-1742.
44. JOSEPH, 1743; m. in 1774 Margaret Clark (178); second, probably Sarah Day of Attleboro in 1778.
45. MARY, 1746-1747.
46. MARY, 1747-1753.
47. EPHRAIM, 1750; m. in 1778 Bathsheba Morse (151). Removed to a distant place.

25.

JOSEPH³ (Josiah,² Joseph¹) married in 1731 Margery Mason (16), his step-mother's sister, and removed to Sturbridge. Children :—

48. AZUBAH, 1731; m. in 1757 Benjamin Scott.
49. BULAH, 1733; m. in 1752 Ebenezer Dunton.
50. MARGERY, 1735.

Perhaps others in Sturbridge.

31.

TIMOTHY³ (Josiah,² Joseph¹) resided upon the old Cheney homestead. He married in 1775, at the age of forty-nine, Hepzibah Herring, who died in 1805. He served the town as a selectman in 1766. He died in 1810. Children:—

- 51. LUCY, 1778; m. in 1795 Samuel Gilbert.
- +52. EBENEZER, 1780.
- 53. HANNAH, 1782; m. in 1817 Dr. Lothario Danielson (1).
- +54. TIMOTHY, 1784.
- +55. JOSIAH, 1786.
- 56. JOSEPH, 1791; resided in Roxbury.

38.

LEVI³ (Ephraim,² Joseph¹) left home and settled in Walpole, whence he came with his family to this town in 1783. He was for some time supported here as "a pauper of Walpole." He married Mehitable Morse of Walpole, and served in the French war from that town. He died in 1806. Children:—

- 57. ASSE, 1752.
- 58. ABIGAIL, 1754; m. in 1786 Holland Wood (2d wife).
- 59. MARY, 1755; m. in 1779 James Allen (49).
- 60. MEHITABLE, 1757; m. in 1775 Holland Wood.
- 61. TAMAR, 1759-1848; m. in 1779 Elihu Lawrence (1).
- 62. AQUILLA, 1761; m. in 1789 Hannah Merritt of Holliston.
- 63. PRISCILLA, 1764.
- 64. LEVI, 1765.
- 65. OLIVE, 1772.
- 66. TRYPHENA, 1773; perhaps married Samuel Tucker of Wrentham in 1791.

52.

EBENEZER⁴ (Timothy,³ Josiah,² Joseph¹) married in 1806 Hannah Plimpton (119), removed, and settled in West Boylston. Daughter:—

- 67. MARY, 1807.

Others were born after removal.

54.

TIMOTHY⁴ (Timothy,³ Josiah,² Joseph¹) was a blacksmith, and settled in Medfield. He built, about 1812, the house now occupied as a residence by Mrs. Bradford Curtis; and his shop stood in what is now the easterly corner of the front yard. He sold that estate in 1820, and afterward owned a house and shop on North Street, the site now occupied by the house of William Cheney. He married in 1811 Priscilla Plimpton (120). He died in 1846, his wife in 1854. Children:—

- 68. TIMOTHY, 1811-1859; unmarried.
- 69. JOSEPH, 1813; resides in East Walpole.

70. LUCY, 1814-1883; m. Thomas R. Kimball, Boston.
71. THERON, 1815-1855.
72. MARY, 1817; m. 1842 Stephen Temple, Augusta, Me.
73. LEMUEL, 1819-1820.
74. BENJAMIN, 1821.
75. HANNAH, 1823-1883; m. Levi Sturtevant, New Bedford.
76. FAYETTE, 1824-1826.
77. WILLIAM, 1826-1882; firm of Silsby & Cheney, South Boston.

55.

JOSIAH⁴ (Timothy,³ Josiah,² Joseph¹) lived in Medfield and vicinity, working at his trade of carpentering. He married in 1809 Sybil Johnson, widow of Jesse (9). His wife died in 1820, he in 1864. Children:—

78. HEPZIBAH, 1810; m. Daniel Monk of Sharon.
79. SARAH A., 1813; m. in 1834 Benjamin Hewins.
80. SIBYL M., 1816-1881; unmarried.
81. MIRIAM; m. in 1852 Milton Daniels of Medway.

JOSEPH CLARK.

JOSEPH CLARK was one of the earliest residents of Dedham, and one of the first thirteen who undertook the settlement of this town. He was made a freeman in 1652, at which time he is said to be of Medfield. His house was on the west side of South Street, and the old cellar, near the corner of Oak Street, marks the spot where he built. He served as a selectman in 1660, but does not appear very frequently in town offices. He died in 1684; and his widow Alice, or Alse, as it was often written, died in 1710. Children:—

- +2. JOSEPH, 1642.
- +3. BENJAMIN, 1644.
- +4. EPHRAIM, 1646.
- 5. DANIEL, 1647-1676; received wounds from the Indians at the time of the burning of Medfield, from which he died about six weeks afterward.
- 6. MARY, 1649; m. in 1673 Jonathan Boyden (6).
- 7. SARAH, 1651-1704; m. in 1673 John Bowers (2); second, in 1677, Samuel Smith (5).
- 8. JOHN, 1652-1720; m. in 1679 Mary Sheffield of Sherborn; settled in Medway.
- +9. NATHANIEL, 1658.
- 10. REBECCA, 1660-1739; m. in 1679 John Richardson (1).

2.

— JOSEPH² (Joseph¹) was of age in 1663, and in that year his father received a grant of a house lot for his son to build upon. In 1674, the records show that he owned a house near pine swamp; and it stood near the present junction of Curve and Spring Streets. He also built a malt-house near it. He married in 1663 Mary Allen (3); and her father gave him a house by his

will, which was the ancient house, probably, that stood where that of G. W. Kingsbury now stands. At his death, he owned, besides his homestead, a house and land at "planting field," and a house and land in Wrentham. He served as a selectman and representative. He and his wife both died in 1702. Children:—

- +11. JOSEPH, 1664.
- 12. JOHN, 1666-1691.
- 13. JONATHAN, 1668-1690.
- 14. ESTHER, 1670; m. Thomas Thurston (11).
- 15. THOMAS, 1672-1690.
- 16. MARY, 1674-1675.
- 17. { DANIEL, 1676-1694.
- 18. { LEA, 1676-1676.
- +19. SOLOMON, 1678.
- 20. DAVID, 1680-1714; m. in 1703 Mary Wheelock (33). He received as his portion the house in Wrentham, now Norfolk, the first homestead south of Stop River bridge. He and his wife died in the same year, leaving one daughter, Elizabeth, who married in 1722 Daniel Holbrook. Had a numerous posterity.
- 21. { MOSES, 1685-1685.
- 22. { AARON, 1685-1751; settled in Wrentham.

3.

BENJAMIN² (Joseph¹) was by trade a wheelwright. He married in 1665 Dorcas Morse (21), and in 1668 had a grant for a house lot "near the way as you go out at Nantasket." His



house was on Main Street, opposite where Pound Street enters it. The original well is said to be still in use. He was burned out by the Indians in 1676, but rebuilt upon the same spot. What is called the "Peak House" is an addition subsequently made to his second house, in or about 1762. After the decay of the old part, it was moved to its present location. Its unique shape has attracted much attention, and it is even popularly believed to be one of the original houses

left standing by the Indians. Benjamin was a prominent man in town affairs, served on the board of selectmen seventeen, and as representative two, years. He died in 1724, his widow in the following year. Children:—

- 23. HANNAH, 1666-1757; m. in 1691 Ebenezer Mason (7).
- 24. BENJAMIN, 1668-1688; "died at the eastward."
- 25. THEOPHILUS, 1670; settled in Medway.

- 26. TABITHA, 1672; m. in 1710 Thomas Sandford.
- 27. TIMOTHY, 1674-1676.
- +28. TIMOTHY, 1677.
- 29. EDWARD, 1679-1746; settled in Medway.
- 30. EBENEZER, 1682-1683.
- 31. REBECCA, 1684-1687.
- +32. SETH, 1687.

4.

EPHRAIM² (Joseph¹) was a tailor by trade: he had his home-stead near the place lately owned by Samuel Woods. His first grant is described as being southward from South Plain, the road then running across that plain, up the hill, and across what is now High Street, and so onward to Walpole plain, then called "easy plain." Ephraim had land at "esi plaine." The site of the original house is yet visible on the east side of Granite Street. It was not built probably till a few years after the Indian war. He married in 1669 Mary Bullen (3), who died in 1726. He died in 1699. Children:—

- 33. ELIZABETH, 1669; m. John Mason of Dedham.
- 34. MARY, 1671; m. Samuel Whiting.
- 35. EPHRAIM, 1673; probably died young.
- 36. MILLETIAH, 1674; m. Timothy Hamant (8).
- 37. MEHITABLE, 1676-1743; m. in 1703 Benjamin Allen of Dedham.
- +38. SAMUEL, 1679.
- 39. NOAH, 1680-1704; m. in 1702 Susanna Hartshorn, had one daughter, Abiel, born in 1704.
- +40. EZRA, 1683.
- +41. JEREMIAH, 1687.

9.

NATHANIEL² (Joseph¹) settled on his father's home place. He married in 1704 Experience Hinsdale (18). He died in 1733, and his wife in 1754. Children:—

- 42. NATHANIEL, 1705; settled in Medway.
- 43. { PATIENCE, 1706.
- 44. { EXPERIENCE, 1706.
- 45. MEHITABLE, 1708.
- 46. HINSDALE, 1710-1787; m. in 1735 Ann Partridge (21); settled in Sturbridge.
- +47. MOSES, 1711.
- +48. { BENJAMIN, 1714.
- +49. { DANIEL, 1714.

11.

JOSEPH³ (Joseph,² Joseph¹) was a cordwainer by trade. He married in 1686 Mary Wight (11), and settled about the same time in the north part of the town, very nearly where Noah Allen now lives. In 1695, he held the office of sealer of leather. At

his father's death, he received the homestead in the south part of the town, and removed thither. Captain Joseph Clark was one of the prominent men of the town, built the grist-mill, and carried on the manufacture of malt in an adjacent building. His wife died in 1705; and he married in 1706 Abigail Smith, widow of Samuel (12). He died in 1731, his wife about 1756. Children:—

- 50. MARY, 1687-1717; m. in 1705 Nathaniel Smith (22).
- 51. MEHITABLE, 1690; m. Timothy Morse (41).
- 52. HANNAH, 1692; m. in 1709 John Robbins.
- 53. ESTHER, 1695-1774; m. in 1716 Ebenezer Turner (17).
- +54. JOSEPH, 1697.
- 55. HEPHZIBAH, 1699-1791; m. in 1727 Timothy Hamant (10).
- +56. THOMAS, 1703.
- 57. ABIGAIL, 1711-1750; m. in 1730 Henry Smith (38).

19.

— SOLOMON³ (Joseph,² Joseph¹) settled on the place at "planting field" now owned and occupied by Thomas S. Clark. He married, about 1698, Mary White. Mary died in 1740, and he married in the same year Elizabeth Adams (48). Solomon served three years as selectman, was one of the trustees of the State loan in 1721, and representative to the General Court in 1725. He died in 1748. Children:—

- 58. MARY, 1699-1718.
- 59. JONATHAN, 1700; settled in Wrentham.
- +60. SOLOMON, 1701.
- 61. DANIEL, 1703-1704.
- +62. DAVID, 1705.
- 63. ANN, 1706-1764; m. in 1726 Ephraim Cheney (22).
- 64. HANNAH, 1708-1710.
- 65. DANIEL, 1710-1710.
- 66. HANNAH, 1711; m. in 1730 Aquila Robbins, Walpole.
- 67. SARAH, 1713-1713.
- 68. JOHN, 1715-1715.
- 69. SARAH, 1718; probably m. Daniel Clark (49) in 1736.

28.

TIMOTHY³ (Benjamin,² Joseph¹) settled in Medway. He married in 1700 Elizabeth Pratt (13), who died in 1702; second, in 1705, Sarah Metcalf (17). He died in 1725. Children:—

- 70. TIMOTHY, 1706.
- 71. SARAH, 1708.
- 72. BERIAH, 1711.
- +73. JOSEPH, 1714.

Perhaps others in Medway.

32.

SETH³ (Benjamin,² Joseph¹) inherited his father's homestead, and spent his life upon it as a farmer. He married in 1713 Abi-

gail Metcalf (18). He died in 1756, his wife in 1788. In his inventory, among other personal property, we find "two-thirds of a negro man," valued at £20. He was chosen town treasurer in 1737, and served five years as one of the selectmen. Children:—

- +74. SETH, 1714.
- 75. TABITHA, 1717-1747; m. William Hooker (4).
- 76. PETER, 1719-1720.
- 77. ABIGAIL, 1722-1813; m. in 1748 Nathan Plimpton (36).
- 78. THANKFUL, 1724-1809; m. in 1749 John Fisher (25).
- 79. EBENEZER, 1727-1728.
- 80. EBENEZER, 1729-1729.
- +81. ASA, 1730.
- 82. LOIS, 1735-1801; m. Jonathan Wight (72).

38.

SAMUEL³ (Ephraim,² Joseph¹) settled on the home place on Granite Street. He married in 1702 Sarah Pratt (12), who died in 1754; second, in 1755, Mehitable, widow of John Allen (12). She died in the following year. He served six years as one of the selectmen. He died in 1769, and gave his estate to his grandson, Ezra Smith (206). Children:—

- 83. EPHRAIM, 1703; m. in 1727 Abigail Partridge (69); settled in Walpole.
- 84. SARAH, 1705; m. in 1728 Ezra Smith of Dedham.
- 85. DEBORAH, 1708-1741.
- 86. PHEBE, 1710-1714.
- 87. REBECCA, 1712-1731.
- 88. MEHITABLE, 1714; probably m. James Rix of Upton.
- 89. SAMUEL, 1717-1718.
- 90. PHEBE, 1720; m. in 1747 Elisha Ware of Wrentham.
- +91. SAMUEL, 1722.
- 92. HANNAH, 1724-1748.
- 93. DAVID, mentioned in his father's will, and said to be of Medway.

40.

EZRA³ (Ephraim,² Joseph¹) was a blacksmith, and settled where F. D. Hamant's cottage stands on Philip Street. He married in 1708 Margaret Morse of Sherborn. He died in 1739, owning estate in Sturbridge, which he gave to his son Noah. His home place was given to Ezra. Margaret died in 1745. Children:—

- 94. NOAH, 1708-1717.
- 95. EZRA, 1711-1779; a weaver by trade, and probably unmarried.
- 96. MARY, 1715-1741.
- +97. NOAH, 1717.
- 98. ESTHER, 1722-1727.
- +99. EDWARD, 1726.

41.

JEREMIAH³ (Ephraim,² Joseph¹) was a weaver, and settled on Granite Street, toward Walpole plain. The traces of a cellar are

still visible on the west side of the road. After his marriage, he appears to have removed from town, as two of his children are recorded in Dedham. He returned about 1720, and that is probably about the time he built his house. His first wife, Patience, died in 1726; and he married in 1728 Mehitable Morse. He died in 1748. Children:—

100. ELIZABETH, 1712.
Two children, recorded in Dedham, born in 1714 and 1717, died in infancy.
101. JERUSHA, 1721.
102. PATIENCE, 1726.
103. JEREMIAH, 1729-1729.
104. JEREMIAH, 1731; m. in 1752 Ruth Hancock of Wrentham, had one daughter, Silence, born in Medfield in 1753, after which the family disappears.

47.

MOSES³ (Nathaniel,² Joseph¹) received by his father's will a lot of pasture and meadow "on the lower side of planting field," with liberty to get timber from the swamp for his house and barn. His house was built about 1734, and stood on South Street, very near the South School-house. He removed to Sturbridge about 1741, and died there in 1783. His wife Elizabeth died in 1774. Children:—

105. AZUBAH, 1736; m. in 1758 Michael Sanders of Sturbridge; second, Ebenezer Fisher of Needham.
106. MOSES, 1737.
107. RHODA, 1739; m. in 1766 Jeremiah Twichell of Sturbridge.
108. AARON, 1740.
109. MARY, m. in 1775 Seth Turner (34).

Several other children were born after the removal to Sturbridge.

48.

BENJAMIN³ (Nathaniel,² Joseph¹), with his twin brother, Daniel, inherited the ancestral place on South Street. He entered the army in the French war, and died at Lake George in 1756. His wife Mary administered his estate. In 1771, Mary, widow of Benjamin Clark, received aid from the church here. Children:—

110. WYATT, 1738-1760; enlisted in the French war, and died near Greenbush.
111. MIRIAM, 1741-1813; m. in 1763 Joseph Boyden (39).
112. BENJAMIN, 1743; possibly of Marlboro.
113. MARY, 1746.
114. EXPERIENCE, 1748-1772.
115. SILENCE, 1750-1750.

49.

DANIEL³ (Nathaniel,² Joseph¹) came into possession of the old place conjointly with his brother. After Benjamin's death, the buildings, it would appear, were given to his heirs, and the lands

to Daniel, who sold them in 1760, and removed to Walpole, where he died in 1765. At his death, he owned a few acres of land in Medfield. He married in 1736 Sarah Clark, perhaps No. 69. Children :—

116. DANIEL, 1737; was in Walpole in 1765.
117. SARAH, 1740; m. in 1759 Joseph Ellis of Walpole.
118. HANNAH, 1741.
119. MARY, 1743.
120. ASAPH, 1746.
121. PATIENCE, 1748; m. in 1772 Joseph Metcalf, probably.
122. SOLOMON, 1751.
123. EUNICE, 1754.
124. BENJAMIN, 1756.
125. MERCY, 1759; m. in 1783 Daniel Robbins.
126. OLIVE, 1762; m. in 1785 Luther Breck (20).

54.

JOSEPH⁴ (Joseph,³ Joseph,² Joseph¹) married in 1718 Experience Wheeler (3), and seems to have owned estate somewhere near the present junction of Curve and Spring Streets, in which his widow, Experience, had dower. He died in 1731, and his widow married Daniel Wedge of Mendon. It seems that she improved her dower in her old age, as the old people say that they were told in their childhood that there was once a small house in that locality, and that "old Pedy Wedge" lived in it. Children :—

127. JOSEPHI, 1719-1719.
- +128. JOSEPH, 1720.
129. ROWLAND, 1722-1790; m. in 1744 Hannah Lawrence, daughter of Ebenezer of Wrentham. He settled in Sturbridge.
130. HEPHSIBAH, 1725; m. in 1747 Gideon Albee of Mendon.
131. JEPTHAH, 1727-1736.
132. EXPERIENCE, 1730.

56.

THOMAS⁴ (Joseph,³ Joseph,² Joseph¹) succeeded to the possession of his father's estate, including the mill and malt-house. The house stood directly in front of that now occupied by George W. Kingsbury. The name of Thomas Clark may yet be traced on a rock near the house, with the date 1722. In 1774, he deeded his estate to his son-in-law, Asa Hamant. The Boston records of 1727 contain the marriage of Thomas Clark and Abigail Morse (44). He died in 1776, his wife in the following year. Children :—

133. KEZIA, 1729; m. in 1747 Josiah Morse of Walpole.
134. ABIGAIL, 1730-1819; m. Francis Cole (1).
135. PENINNAH, 1734-1778; m. in 1758 Asa Hamant (24).
136. BATHSHEBA, 1736-1772; m. in 1757 Uriah Morse (149).

60.

SOLomon⁴ (Solomon,³ Joseph,² Joseph¹) settled in the south part of the town, near the head of Noon Hill Street. Some lilacs,

garden pinks, and a grape-vine yet linger to mark the spot, though the house was demolished about 1812. The traces of the cellar and well were obliterated a few years since. He married in 1723 Mary Lovell (11). He died in 1747, and his widow married in 1753 Eleazar Morse of Sherborn. Children:—

- +137. SOLOMON, 1726.
- 138. { MARAH, 1729-1729.
- 139. { SILENCE, 1729-1729.
- 140. MARY, 1730; m. in 1754 Samuel Richardson of Wrentham.
- 141. THANKFUL, 1733; m. in 1752 Josiah Cheney (29).
- 142. ELIZABETH, 1734-1767; m. in 1750 Thomas Adams (53).
- 143. SIBYL, 1737.
- 144. DYER, 1740; settled in Franklin.
- 145. STEPHEN, 1743; settled in Wrentham.
- 146. CEPHAS, 1745; went to Cumberland, R.I.

62.

DAVID⁴ (Solomon,³ Joseph,² Joseph¹) inherited his father's place. He married in 1728 Mary Smith (37), who died in 1770; second, in the following year, Abigail, widow of John Plimpton (22). He died in 1771, and by his will gave his home place to his son Nathan. To the other children, he gave sums of money and out-lands. He served as a selectman in 1756 and 1760. Children:—

- +147. NATHAN, 1729.
- +148. JACOB, 1732.
- 149. DINAH, 1735-1735.
- 150. CATHERINE, 1736; m. in 1759 Samuel Morse (58).
- 151. ESTHER, 1739-1797; m. in 1768 Silas Plimpton (63).
- +152. DAVID, 1742.
- 153. JOSES, 1744-1744.
- 154. MARY, 1746-1820; m. in 1771 John Fisher (47).
- 155. JOSES, 1748-1748.
- 156. SOLOMON, 1750-1750.
- 157. ICHABOD; not recorded, but mentioned in his father's will.

73.

JOSEPH⁴ (Timothy,³ Benjamin,² Joseph¹), born in Medway in 1713, came into possession of the estate of his grandfather, Joseph Metcalf (5), now owned by John Y. Thurston. He married in 1732 Hannah Dwight (11). He enlisted in the French war, and died at Cape Breton in 1746. He appears to have lived with his grandfather some time before coming into possession of his estate, as in 1736 we find the "burying ground was let to Joseph Clark" for pastureage. Children:—

- 158. CATHERINE, 1732-1736.
- +159. JOSEPH, 1735.
- 160. EUNICE, 1737-1753.
- 161. CATHERINE, 1740-1764; m. in 1759 Josiah Gregory.
- 162. MERCY, 1743; m. — Greenwood.
- 163. PATTY, 1745-1745.

74.

SETH⁴ (Seth,³ Benjamin,² Joseph¹) came into possession of the place belonging to his father and grandfather. He built the front part of the house, now owned by the heirs of Warren Hartshorn, and kept an inn there for many years. He was one of the most influential men in the town; served as selectman in 1752, 1754, 1762, and 1768; representative to General Court in 1765 and 1768; delegate to the Provincial Congress in 1775; and assistant commissary in the American army in 1778. He married in 1742 Thankful Allen (39), who died in 1760. He died in 1805. Children:—

- 164. SARAH, 1743-1743.
- +165. EBENEZER, 1745.
- 166. SARAH, 1747-1828; m. Joseph Wheelock (41); second, Samuel Sanger of Sherborn.
- 167. PETER, 1749-1750.
- 168. REBECCA, 1750-1758.
- 169. OLIVE, 1753-1758.
- 170. SYBIL, 1755-1785; m. in 1785 James Tisdale.

81.

ASA⁴ (Seth,³ Benjamin,² Joseph¹) married in 1758 Zillah Chenery (23), who died in 1826. He served as a selectman in 1777 and 1778, died in 1788. His homestead was in the extreme north part of the town, on Railroad Street. Children:—

- +171. WILLIAM, 1758.
- 172. ALONA, 1760-1787; m. in 1786 Timothy Smith (114).
- 173. REBECCA, 1765-1850; unmarried.
- 174. ZILLAH, 1772-1772.
- 175. ASA, 1774; died of small-pox in 1792.

91.

SAMUEL⁴ (Samuel,³ Ephraim,² Joseph¹) settled with his father, who survived him. He married in 1747 Dinah Ware of Wrentham, and died in 1750, aged twenty-eight. His widow married Seth Richardson (12). Children:—

- 176. MELITIAH, 1748-1770.
- 177. DINAH, 1750-1750.

97.

NOAH⁴ (Ezra,³ Ephraim,² Joseph¹) appears to have returned to this town after residence elsewhere. He was here in 1764, living on the home place on Philip Street. He sold out in 1781, and is said to have removed to Athol.

There is no record of his marriage. The dilapidated old house was known as "Noah's Ark." Children:—

- 178. MARGARET, 1749-1776; m. in 1774 Joseph Cheney (44).
- +179. ELIAS, 1751.
- 180. JABEZ, 1753-1757.

- 181. DRUSILLA, 1751-1755.
- 182. ESTHER, 1755-1757.
- 183. JABEZ, 1757.
- 184. LOIS, 1760.
- 185. SAMUEL, 1762.

99.

EDWARD⁴ (Ezra,³ Ephraim,² Joseph¹) married in 1749 Sarah Shuttleworth of Wrentham. He lived at the foot of the hill, near the railroad crossing on South Street. In 1776, Edward and his wife were both inoculated for the small-pox, and went to the hospital, where she died. The town paid the expenses of their treatment. In 1782, he was adjudged "non compos," and Elijah Adams was appointed guardian. His outlying lands were sold for his support, and he died in 1792. Children:—

- 186. RUFUS, 1751; settled in Sturbridge.
- 187. AMY, 1752-1813; m. in 1777 George Turner (95).
- 188. SARAH, 1753; m. in 1773 Uriah Morse (149).
- 189. MARY, 1754-1759.
- 190. MICHAEL, 1757-1759.
- 191. MARY, 1760; m. — Hutchins.
- 192. DRUSILLA, 1762-1798. An old paper sets forth that, in the year 1798, "Drusilla Clark, sister of George Turner, now at his house, but recently from Boston, having spent every cent to get to Medfield, asks for help from the town."⁵ Her effects were sold by the town authorities for \$1.50 after her death.

128.

JOSEPH⁵ (Joseph,⁴ Joseph,³ Joseph,² Joseph¹) married in 1739 Elizabeth Puffer. He is called blacksmith, and inherited something from his grandfather's estate. In 1742, he sold out, his uncle, Thomas Clark, buying most of his estate. He went to Mendon, and died there about 1780. Children:—

- 193. JOSEPH, 1739.
- 194. THOMAS, 1742.

Others were born in Mendon.

137.

SOLomon⁵ (Solomon,⁴ Solomon,³ Joseph,² Joseph¹) settled on the homestead near the junction of South and Noon Hill Streets. He married in 1752 Jane Phillips of Stoughton, who died in 1772; second, in 1773, Widow Abigail Clark.

He died in 1796, his widow in 1803. The family scattered to various parts of the country. Children:—

- 195. SIMEON, 1753-1755.
- 196. LYDIA, 1754; m. in 1788 Simeon Gould of Dedham.
- 197. SIMEON, 1756.
- 198. SOLOMON, 1757.

- 199. ELIZABETH, 1750-1789; m. in 1780 Ephraim Smith (207).
- 200. PHILLIPS, 1761; lived in Medway, unmarried.
- 201. OLIVE, 1763.
- 202. JANE, 1766.
- 203. SILENCE, 1774-1774.
- 204. ABIGAIL, 1775-1817; m. in 1798 Theophilus Harding of Medway.
- 205. SAMUEL, 1777; m. in 1806 Rachel Stone of Richmond, N. H.
He sold the house, barn, and house lot, in 1804, to Francis Hamant.

147.

NATHAN⁵ (David,⁴ Solomon,³ Joseph,² Joseph¹) inherited his father's place in the south part of the town. He had no sons, and after his death the place passed into the hands of his brother David. He married in 1760 Mary Morse (62), who died in 1772; second, in 1774, Mary Wilson. He served as a selectman in 1769. He died of consumption in 1777, his widow in 1800, aged seventy. Children:—

- 206. EUNICE, 1761-1826; m. in 1782 Zimri Cleaveland (2).
- 207. MARY, 1765; m. in 1809 Jesse Day of Wrentham.
- 208. JERUSHA, 1767-1851; m. in 1794 Ephraim Smith (207).
- 209. ABIGAIL, 1769; m. in 1793 Elijah Seabury.

148.

JACOB⁵ (David,⁴ Solomon,³ Joseph,² Joseph¹) married in 1752 Rachel Smith (59), and settled on the place which had been owned by her father and grandfather on Mill Brook, lately the property of Bradford Curtis. Rachel died in 1757, and he married in the same year Milletiah Hamant (26). He died in 1801, his wife in 1820. Selectman in 1774-75. Children:—

- 210. CHLOE, 1755; m. in 1779 Jonathan Plimpton (81).
- 211. RACHEL, 1759; m. in 1781 Oliver Wight (94).
- 212. MARTHA, 1761-1806; m. in 1783 Lebbeus Smith (113).
- 213. PITT, 1763-1835; graduated Harvard University 1790;
settled as minister at Norton; ordained in 1793.
- +214. ELISHA, 1765.
- 215. MILLETIAH, 1767-1768.
- 216. SARAH, 1769-1846; m. in 1793 Isaiah Smith (117).
- +217. JACOB, 1774.

152.

DAVID⁵ (David,⁴ Solomon,³ Joseph,² Joseph¹) bought in 1766 the homestead of Micah Baker on High Street. This he sold, and bought of his brother Nathan's heirs in 1791 the homestead which had been his father's. He was a cooper by trade. He married Kezia Fisher (45), who died in 1776; second, in 1778, Thankful Turner (43). He served as selectman in 1786. His house was burned, with all its contents, in 1792, and the present

house was built in 1793. He died in 1806, and his wife in 1827. Children :—

- 218. KEZIA, 1760-1772.
- +219. AARON, 1771.
- 220. MARY, 1773-1785.
- 221. KEZIA, 1779; m. in 1801 Artemas Murdock.
- 222. THANKFUL, 1784-1810.
- +223. DAVID, 1787.

159.

JOSEPH⁵ (Joseph,⁴ Timothy,³ Benjamin,² Joseph¹) lived on the place which was his father's, now Mr. Thurston's. He was one of the selectmen in 1774 and 1776. He married in 1757 Caroline Mason (28), who died in 1830. He died in 1816. Children :—

- 224. CATHERINE, 1762-1851; m. in 1783 Moses Hartshorn (5).
- 225. CYNTHIA, 1764-1823; m. in 1792 Thaddeus Morse (78).
- 226. JOSEPH, 1766-1839. He m. in 1788 Hannah Morse (83), only heir to her father's estate, which became their homestead. She died in 1816; and he married, second, Elizabeth Mason, of Princeton, who died in 1853.
- 227. CAROLINE, 1769-1816; m. in 1792 Abner Ellis (133).
- 228. WARREN, 1775; died of small-pox in 1792.

165.

EBENEZER⁵ (Seth,⁴ Seth,³ Benjamin,² Joseph¹) remained upon the old homestead. He enlarged the house in 1773, building on the easterly end, and carried on the business of an innholder. He married in 1770 Abigail Ellis (42), who died in 1817. He served on the board of selectmen in 1784-85. In 1794, being chairman of the committee of the Baptist society, he was seized for non-payment of ministerial taxes, and lodged in Boston jail. The fathers of the town, however, found that they had been overzealous; and they hurried down to the city on Sunday, and got him released. This is the last recorded attempt in this town to force payment to the "standing order." He continued his innholding, in conjunction with his son, up to the time of his death in 1810. Afterward, the business was carried on by Partridge Holbrook. Children :—

- 229. OLIVE, 1771-1776.
- 230. THANKFUL, 1773-1777.
- 231. NABBY, 1775-1817; m. in 1797 Isaac Pierce of Weston; came to Medfield; and he died here in 1813, leaving two daughters, Charlotte and Eliza.
- 232. MARY, 1777; m. in 1797 Nehemiah Adams of Franklin; removed to Maine.
- 233. OLIVE, 1779-1779.
- 234. OLIVER, 1781; went to Union, Me.
- 235. SIBYL, 1787; m. Benajah Pond of Franklin.

236. EBENEZER, 1789; m. in 1810 Olive Pond of Medway; drove the stage from Medfield to Boston, and built the hall attached to the old "Clark Tavern." He was postmaster here from 1809 to 1818. Died in Franklin.
 237. OLIVE, 1791-1811.
 238. SETH, 1797-1817.

171.

WILLIAMS⁵ (Asa,⁴ Seth,³ Benjamin,² Joseph¹) located in the north part of the town, where his father had lived. He married in 1779 Hannah Peters (12). He received a commission as captain of the military of this town in 1790, served eight years as a member of the board of selectmen, and appears to have taken an active interest in the affairs of the town. He died in 1825, his wife in 1850. Children:—

239. CHENERY, 1779-1848; resided in Roxbury for many years, but returned, and died in this town.
 240. OLIVE, 1782-1785.
 241. SETH, 1786-1796.
 242. ALONA, 1789-1862; m. in 1808 William Langley of Roxbury.
 +243. ASA, 1793:

179.

ELIAS⁵ (Noah,⁴ Ezra,³ Ephraim,² Joseph¹) appears to have lived in the house that had been his father's. He married in 1773 Ann Thebault (7), who died in 1825. He died in 1805. Children:—

244. JOHN, 1774; settled in Vermont.
 245. CATHERINE, 1777-1857; died in Dedham, unmarried.
 246. ALEXANDER, 1779; settled in Framingham.
 247. SUSANNA, 1782-1861; m. in 1808 Abijah Colburn of Dedham.
 +248. JAMES, 1784.

214.

ELISHA⁶ (Jacob,⁵ David,⁴ Solomon,³ Joseph,² Joseph¹) owned the place on Mill Brook, formerly his father's. He married in 1792 Drusilla Smith (118), who died in 1804; second, in 1807, Hannah Boyden (54), and came into possession of her father's estate, near the junction of Pound and South Streets. About 1816, he exchanged his old homestead on Mill Brook for that of his brother-in-law, Isaiah Smith, near the South School-house. He served as one of the selectmen in 1804-05 and 1820. He was chosen deacon of the old church in 1825, but resigned his office in 1827, and became one of the constituent members of the Orthodox church. He died in 1839, his wife in 1848. Children:—

249. SOPHIA, 1793-1809.
 250. KATY, 1796-1797.
 251. HIRAM, 1798-1803.
 252. KATY, 1808-1809.

- 253. HANNAH, 1810-1837; unmarried.
- 254. DRUSILLA, 1814-1858; m. in 1835 Caleb S. Hamant (43).
- 255. HIRAM, 1817-1817.
- 256. SOPHIA, 1813-1856; m. in 1842 John Mason (92).

217.

JACOB⁶ (Jacob,⁵ David,⁴ Solomon,³ Joseph,² Joseph¹) resided in Medfield till about twenty years of age, when he removed to Dedham. He was captain there in 1806. Children:—

- 257. CALLY, 1793-1878; m. in 1814 Warren Hartshorn (13).
- +258. JACOB, 1793.

Other children were born in Dedham.

219.

AARON⁶ (David,⁵ David,⁴ Solomon,³ Joseph,² Joseph¹) resided in Medfield for a few years, and then removed to Rutland, Mass., where he died. He married in 1795 Olive Allen (73). Children:—

- 259. NATHAN, 1796.
- 260. HORACE, 1799; lived in Dedham and Rutland.
- 261. OLIVE, 1805-1819.
- 262. MARY, 1808.
- 263. AARON, 1811; lived in Dedham.
- 264. MOSES, 1813; went to the State of New York.
- 265. ABIGAIL, 1816; died in Dedham, unmarried.
- 266. SARAH, 1818-1876; m. Nicolas Wentworth of Medway.

223.

DAVID⁶ (David,⁵ David,⁴ Solomon,³ Joseph,² Joseph¹) inherited his father's place; married in 1811 Olive Smith (132), who died in 1880. He died in 1859. Children:—

- 267. DAVID, 1813-1886.
- 268. OLIVE, 1815; m. in 1844 Luther Guild.
- +269. THOMAS S., 1817.
- 270. WILLIAM H., 1820-1822.
- 271. HENRY, 1823-1835.
- 272. TITUS S., 1831-1856.
- 273. JAMES W., 1834; m. in 1862 Laura Ord (5).

243.

ASA⁶ (William,⁵ Asa,⁴ Seth,³ Benjamin,² Joseph¹) remained upon the home place at the North End. He married in 1818 Sarah Fairbanks. He died in 1831, his widow in 1857. Children:—

- +274. ASA, 1819.
- 275. ALFRED, 1822-1887; resided in Walpole.
- 276. MARY E., 1824-1867; m. William B. Jewett.
- +277. WILLIAM, 1826.

248.

JAMES⁶ (Elias,⁵ Noah,⁴ Ezra,³ Ephraim,² Joseph¹) was known throughout this region, in the early part of the present century, as a musician and instructor in dancing. He lived for several years on the place that had belonged to his grandfather, John Thebault, now the property of Mr. Rhodes, on South Street. He kept a tavern, from 1835 to 1842, on the spot where the town hall now stands; removed to Dedham, where he kept the Phenix House. He returned to this town, and died here in 1861. He married in 1806 Polly Smith (131), who died in 1813; second, in 1816, Sally Plumb. Children:—

- 278. MARY A., 1810.
- 279. CATHERINE, 1813.
- 280. JAMES, 1817-1820.
- 281. JOHN, 1818-1820.
- 282. CHLOE A., 1820-1847; unmarried.
- 283. SARAH E., 1823-1847; m. in 1847 Calvin Merrill.
- 284. LAURA; m. in 1851 Marcus Jewett of Claremont, N.H.
- 285. ABBY J.; m. in 1851 Phineas A. Spencer of East Medway.

258.

JACOB⁷ (Jacob,⁶ Jacob,⁵ David,⁴ Solomon,³ Joseph,² Joseph¹) lived on the west corner of Main and Bridge Streets. He married Cynthia Morse (95). He died in 1865, his widow in 1881. Children:—

- +286. JOSEPH, 1820.
- 287. ASAHEL P., 1823-1876; m., first, Sarah Balch; second, Anne Cavanagh; lived in Providence.
- 288. WARREN, 1825; resides in Sublette, Ill.
- 289. CYNTHIA, 1828-1852; unmarried.
- 290. JULIA D., 1833; m. in 1858 Joseph W. Paige.
- 291. CAROLINE A., 1838-1878; m. in 1864 John T. Curtis of Otter Creek, Ill.

269.

THOMAS S.⁷ (David,⁶ David,⁵ David,⁴ Solomon,³ Joseph,² Joseph¹) lives upon the place which has been owned by five generations of the family. He married in 1847 Sarah Guild of Chester, Vt. Children:—

- 292. FREDERICK M., 1849; m. in 1873 Ida E. Hamilton.
- 293. SARAH A., 1850; m. in 1872 Walter Wiswell.
- 294. IDALETTA A., 1854; m. in 1875 John F. Hamilton.
- 295. SELWYN S., 1856.
- 296. ALANSON H., 1867.

274.

ASA⁷ (Asa,⁶ William,⁵ Asa,⁴ Seth,³ Benjamin,² Joseph¹) inherited his father's place. He married in 1869 Mrs. Harriet Reney. He died in 1877. Children:—

- 297. ASA, 1871-1873.
- 298. HATTIE, 1873.

277.

WILLIAM⁷ (Asa,⁶ William,⁵ Asa,⁴ Seth,³ Benjamin,² Joseph¹) married in 1852 Maria A. Newell (11), who died in 1865. He died in 1882. Children :—

299. SARAH J., 1856-1880.

300. ELLA J.; m. in 1880 Henry D. Sewell (11).

286.

JOSEPH⁸ (Jacob,⁷ Jacob,⁶ Jacob,⁵ David,⁴ Solomon,³ Joseph,² Joseph¹) married in 1849 Augusta Morse (142), who died in 1869; second, in 1872, Ellen F. Morse (145). Children :—

301. BERTRAM S., 1851-1853.

302. ANNIE F., 1855-1886.

303. JENNIE A., 1859; m. in 1886 Alden H. Wheeler.

304.

JAMES CLARK of Lexington married Jerusha Bullard in 1730, and came to reside here in 1734. He was received to communion in 1747 from the Lexington church; was dismissed to church in Westminster in 1773. Children :—

305. JAMES, 1735.

306. JERUSHA, 1738-1741.

307. JOSHUA, 1741-1742.

308. NATHAN, 1743. A Nathan Clark was in the French war, and died at Sheffield in 1760. Probably the same.

309. JOHN, 1746.

310. SILENCE, 1749-1749.

311. SILAS, 1751-1757.

Two daughters, Mary and Hannah, were born in Lexington, before removal to Medfield. Mary Clark married Samuel Lawrence of Weston, in 1758.

CLEAVELAND.

EDWARD CLEAVELAND, son of George, was born in Walpole, in 1738. He married in 1760 Deborah Adams; resided in Walpole till about 1780, when he came to Medfield, and bought the place on the Walpole road opposite Plain Street. His first wife died in 1797; and he married in 1798 Betsey Perry, who died in 1825. He served as selectman in 1782, 1794, and 1801. He died in 1830. Children :—

+2. ZIMRI, 1760.

3. ZILPAH, 1762-1843; m. Francis Nelson.

4. EDWARD, 1764.

5. MILLY, 1766; m. in 1786 Ziba Baker of Walpole.

6. LYDIA, 1767-1863; m. in 1788 David Hill (23).

7. DEBORAH, 1769.

8. PATIENCE, 1761.

9. SUSA; m. in 1797 Daniel Boyden of Walpole.
10. AQUILA.
- +11. BELA, 1781.
- +12. ADIN, 1784.

2.

ZIMRI² (Edward¹) married in 1782 Eunice Clark (206). His house was on Granite Street, near its junction with Rocky Lane; and traces of it are distinctly visible. He died in 1827, his wife in 1826. Children:—

13. EUNICE, 1783; m. in 1810 Nathan C. Morse (82).
14. SYLVIA, 1784; m. in 1808 Alpheus Fisher (54).
15. ORINDA, 1786; m. in 1827 Levi Goodale of West Boylston.
16. NATHAN, 1789; settled in Franklin.
17. SHUABEL, 1791.
18. WILLARD, 1794.
19. LOTUS, 1796; settled in West Boylston.
- +20. ANTHONY W., 1799.
21. CHLOE; m. in 1823 Amos Stearns (9).
22. MARTHA, 1808; m. Parkman Holt of Boylston.

II.

BELA² (Edward¹), a carpenter by trade, built the house on South Street owned by heirs of Moses Bullard. He was commissioned as captain in 1814. At one time, he carried on the business of butchering, but failed; and his place was sold. He died of paralysis in 1832, his family having for some time been supported by public charity. His wife was Hannah Adams. Children:—

23. ALBERT; went to Franklin.
24. CAROLINE, 1807.
25. HENRY.
26. HARRIET.

Another, Horace, not recorded here, born in 1812, settled in Bellingham, where he died in 1876.

12.

ADIN² (Edward¹) married in 1804 Miranda Smith (140); after a few years' residence here, removed to Maine. Children:—

27. EMILIA, 1805.
28. ROSELLA, 1807.
29. HENRIETTA, 1810.
30. LVDIA, 1813.

20.

ANTHONY W.³ (Zimri,² Edward¹) married in 1823 Harriet Pratt, who died in 1832, aged twenty-eight; second, in 1836, Mary Ann Boynton, who died in 1851. He died in 1879. Children:—

31. LAURA, 1826; m. in 1860 Rev. Willard Brigham.
32. ANGENETTE, 1829-1869; m. in 1848 Henry O. Noyes (1).
33. HARRIET, 1832-1832.
34. HARRIET M., 1838; m. in 1864 Henry Guy.

CLIFFORD.

OLIVER CLIFFORD, son of Samuel and Betsey (Hamlin) Clifford, was born in Brookfield, Vt., in 1809, of Connecticut ancestry. He came to Medfield when a young man, and in 1838 married Elizabeth Mason, daughter of Joseph of Princeton, grand-daughter of Thomas Mason (27) and Mary Baxter. He located in East Medway, where he carried on a farm, together with the business of a market man. In 1868, he removed to Medfield. He has held several town offices. Children:—

2. JOSEPH C., 1839; m. in 1862 Elizabeth Condit. He served in the War of the Rebellion, first in the 42d Massachusetts, afterward in the 5th New Hampshire Heavy Artillery. Since 1865 he has been in the regular army, and holds the rank of captain.
3. ALFRED, 1845; m. in 1877 Mary Morton of St. Louis, where he resides.
4. ELLEN, 1846; a teacher for several years.
5. ELIZABETH S., 1854-1883; m. in 1878 George F. Mitchell.

COLE.

FRANCIS COLE was born in Boston in 1724. He was the son of Francis Cole and wife Elizabeth Flood, grand-daughter of Hannah Morse (19). He was baptized and owned the covenant here in 1741, and probably came to this town as an apprentice to the trade of blacksmith, as he had a blacksmith's shop in 1749, which he sold to Moses Hartshorn.

He married in 1748 Abigail Clark (134). Subsequently, he bought the place on Plain Street, now owned by his descendants. He died in 1788, his wife in 1819. Children:—

2. ABIGAIL, 1748; m. in 1767 Joseph Bacon of Sherborn.
3. ELIZABETH, 1749-1757.
4. ONESIMUS, 1752-1814; lived in Framingham.
5. SAMUEL; died in 1757.
6. JOSEPH, 1757-1780; m. in 1780 Molly Plimpton (90).
7. SAMUEL, 1759-1776; killed in the Revolutionary army.
8. ELIZABETH, 1762; m. in 1782 Comfort Dickerman.
9. ZERVIAH, 1765.
10. KEZIA, 1767; m. in 1808 Amos Leland of Sherborn.
11. HANNAH, 1770; m. in 1820 Asa Fisher of Wrentham.
- +12. ASA, 1773.

12.

ASA² (Francis¹) settled on the homestead of his father, where he spent his life as a farmer. He married in 1794 Sarah Kingsbury of Foxboro, who died in 1848, aged seventy-four. He died in 1840. Children:—

13. ASA, 1795; m. in 1827 Martha Ellis, daughter of Eleazar (49), and settled in Maine.
14. JOSEPH, 1796; died in Maine.

15. Achsan, 1798; m. Samuel Whitney; second, in 1827, John Chase; died in Maine.
16. FRANCIS, 1803; m. Abigail Gay of Walpole; lived in Dedham.
17. ABIGAIL, 1800-1823.
18. KEZIA, 1807-1842; m. Lovell Fairbanks (21).
19. MARGARET, 1809-1833.
- +20. RICHARD, 1811.
21. ELIZABETH, 1813-1814.
22. ERASTUS, 1815-1878.
23. ELIZA A., 1818-1850; m. in 1840 John E. Bullard (63).
24. SALLY; m. 1821 Caleb Hill (27); second, Josiah Alexander of Boston.

20.

RICHARD³ (Asa,² Francis¹) married in 1835 Margaret Hunting. He died in 1882. Children:—

25. HARRIET H., 1841-1861.
26. SUSAN F., 1844-1869.
27. R. EMMONS, 1848; m. in 1875 Abby L. Turner (85).

COOLEGE.

PETER COOLEGE was born in Sherborn in 1703. He came to Medfield about the time of his marriage in 1723 with Abigail Wheelock (37). After the death of John Fisher, he bought in 1732 his place on North Street, from the brook to Green Street. His shop stood on the opposite side of the highway. He was received to full communion in 1724; was chosen sealer of weights and measures in 1731; served eight years as selectman and eighteen years as town clerk; was chosen deacon in 1753. His first wife died in 1726; and he married, second, Margaret Ellis, daughter of Joseph of Dedham. He died in 1792, his wife in 1780. Children:—

2. PETER, 1723-1724.
3. MARY, 1729-1729.
- +4. NATHAN, 1731.
5. SARAH, 1732-1732.
6. PETER, 1733-1734.
7. LOIS, 1735-1735.
8. DANIEL, 1738-1738.
9. PETER, 1739-1739.
10. ABIGAIL, 1742-1797; unmarried.
11. MARGARET, 1743-1744.
12. MARGARET, 1745-1774; m. Nathan Adams (145).

4.

NATHAN² (Peter¹) resided on Green Street, in a house which he bought in 1762 of John Hooker. Traces of a house have been visible there within a few years, some thirty rods east of the corner of North Street. The house itself was removed by Barachias Mason, and became a part of the Mason homestead, oppo-

site Dale Street. He married in 1761 Mary Bacon, who, after his death in 1778, became the wife of Deacon Moses Hill of Holliston in 1785. Deacon Hill died here in 1796, aged sixty-seven; his widow in 1804, aged sixty-nine. Children:—

13. PETER, 1764; was in Watertown in 1794.
14. SARAH, 1767; died in Holliston, 1791.
15. MARY, 1772; m. in 1793 David Wiswell of Holliston.

CURTIS.

BRADFORD CURTIS was born in Sharon in 1807. He came to Medfield in 1832, and bought the estate of Timothy Cheney on Main Street, where he carried on the business of butchering. He married in 1833 Nancy Harmstad (2). He died in 1884. Children:—

2. ANN M., 1836; m. in 1858 Walter F. Brackett.
3. JOHN B., 1838; m. Elizabeth Darrah of Attleboro.
4. LAURA F., 1841-1841.
5. JOSEPH W., 1842; m. in 1886 Willena B. Scott.
6. GEORGE H., 1845-1859.
7. CHARLES 1845.



DANIEL D. CURTIS.

8.

DANIEL D. CURTIS was born in Kennebunk, Me., in 1830. He was the son of Bracey and Eliza (Day) Curtis. At the age of twenty-one, he came from Maine to Massachusetts. In 1853, he entered the employ of Walter Janes of Medfield, and learned the business of manufacturing straw goods. His industry and business capacity soon attracted the attention of his employer, and in 1856 he was taken into partnership with Mr. Janes. During the continuance of this connection, he entered

heartily into the work of building up and enlarging the business, to which he succeeded on the death of Mr. Janes, in 1867.

A few years later, he selected as partners Messrs. H. A. Searle and G. F. Dailey of New York City, he managing the manufacture here, while they attended to the buying of stock and selling goods there. The business increased in magnitude until the production amounted to a million dollars annually, employing more than a thousand persons in this and adjoining towns.

Besides the business of the firm, Mr. Curtis conducted many private enterprises. Business was his life; and the heavier the pressure of business, the greater seemed his satisfaction. He built many houses for rental, erected and carried on the steam mill on Park Street, conducted large farming operations, and established the box manufacture on a scale that required lumber to the value of \$15,000 annually. While in the midst of these extensive business operations, and meditating still further enlargement of them, he was suddenly stricken with paralysis of the brain, and died Dec. 7, 1885. The loss of a man of such enterprise and ability, as well as of kind heart and genial disposition, fell like a pall upon the whole community. He married in 1859 Ellen Wight (153). Children:—

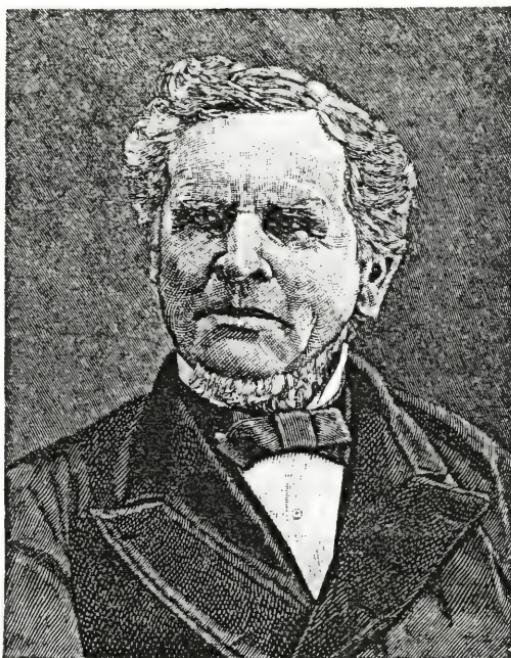
9. GEORGE ARTHUR, 1862-1862.
10. BLANCHE E., 1863; m. in 1885 Edwin V. Mitchell.
11. MAUD A., 1865.
12. BRACEY, 1870.
13. DAISY E., 1875.

CUSHMAN.

JACOB R. CUSHMAN, son of Richard and Lucy (Baker) Cushman, was born in Attleboro in 1813. His father dying, he came when eight years old to live with his uncle, Joel Baker, in Medfield. From him, he learned the trade of wheelwright, and continued working for him till 1834, when he commenced on his own account. From very small beginnings, he built up the carriage manufacture in this town, which, under his own name and, later, in the firm of Cushman & Baker, he continued till his retirement from active business pursuits in 1880.

He married in 1836 Phebe H. Mason (91). In 1839, he purchased the estate on North Street, which he occupied during the remainder of his life, and on which then stood a small one-story house. A carriage shop was built on the southerly end of the house lot. In 1849, he purchased the water privilege on Frairy Street; to this site, the business was removed, and from that time largely increased. A year or two later, he built a new residence on his homestead. In 1851, he entered into partnership with Joseph H. Baker, which continued till 1880.

Mr. Cushman became a member of the Baptist church in 1832, and remained one of its most active members till his death; he was also a foremost man in this community in temperance and philanthropy, and many persons have cause for personal gratitude



JACOB R. CUSHMAN.

on account of his ready sympathy and his self-sacrificing efforts in their behalf. He served the town in various offices, and was representative to the General Court in 1860 and 1872. He was deeply interested in the publication of the history of the town; and, through his efforts, the sum necessary for the completion of the illustrations was obtained. By his will, besides other public bequests, he left the sum of \$100 to each of the three churches, to be used in assisting the worthy poor of the parish. He died in 1886.

CUTLER.

JOHN CUTLER was born in Reading in 1705. In 1728, he bought the farm in the north part of the town now owned by Alfred Cutler. He was a cordwainer by trade, and held for several years the office of sealer of leather. He married in 1730 Hannah Plimpton (35), who died in 1766. In that year, he sold his farm to Jesse Ellis; and in 1772 he married Kezia, widow of Isaac Boyden. The year following, he bought the house and barn with one acre of land on High Street, near the South Schoolhouse. His second wife died in 1777, and he sold his place in 1791 to Lebbeus Smith. Soon after, he made over his personal property to his son and sons-in-law, and took from them a bond of maintenance. He died in 1793. He was active in the formation of the Baptist church here. Children:—

2. SYBIL, 1731-1796; m. in 1784 Asa Hamant (24).
3. NAHUM, 1733-1733.
- +4. SIMEON, 1734.
5. NATHAN, 1736; m. in 1764 Abigail Smith (83); had one daughter here in 1765.
6. JOHN, 1738; m. in 1763 Abigail Richardson of Medway. He owned for some time the place on North Street where George Davis now lives; removed to Medway.

7. PRISCILLA, 1710-1827; m. in 1763 Asa Boyden (28).
8. JOB, 1743-1743.
9. HANNAH, 1744; m. in 1767 Joshua Partridge of Medway.
10. ELISHA, 1748-1748.

4.

SIMEON² (John¹) bought the place where George Davis now lives in 1760, and sold it to Rev. Thomas Prentiss in 1771. The following year, he bought back his father's old homestead in the north end, where he spent the rest of his life. He served in 1783 and 1790 as selectman. He married in 1757 Hannah Hamant (28), who died in 1766; second, Catherine Mason (30), who died in 1817. He died in 1815. Children:—

11. AMY, 1758; m. in 1779 Simon Turner of Wrentham.
12. OLIVER, 1760-1760.
- +13. OLIVER, 1761.
14. JOSEPH, 1763-1842; unmarried.
15. SARAH, 1766-1832; m. in 1793 Oliver Chenery (28).
16. CATHERINE, 1767-1843; unmarried.
17. HANNAH, 1769; m. in 1794 Jason Gay.
18. PERSIS, 1771; m. in 1802 Moses Adams of Medway.
19. PATTY, 1774-1843; unmarried.
20. CHARLOTTE, 1781; m. in 1802 Leonard Seaver (4).

13

OLIVER³ (Simeon,² John¹) lived on the north end farm which was his father's. He married in 1792 Nancy Harding (64), who died in 1851. He died in 1852, aged ninety-one. Children:—

- +21. OLIVER, 1797.
22. NANCY, 1799-1842; unmarried.
23. MARY, 1803-1878; unmarried.

21.

OLIVER⁴ (Oliver,³ Simeon,² John¹) resided on the homestead, and spent his life as a farmer. He married Lucy Fairbanks (40), who died in 1881. He died in 1864. Children:—

24. CHARLES C., 1820-1879; resided in Walpole.
25. MARY B., 1822-1853; m. in 1848 George Dunham of Woonsocket, R. I.
- +26. ALFRED, 1824.
27. ALBERT, 1824-1845.
28. LUCY A., 1827; m. in 1846 Benjamin F. Shumway (1).
29. CAROLINE A., 1830; m. in 1867 John Baldwin of Chicago.

26.

ALFRED⁵ (Oliver,⁴ Oliver,³ Simeon,² John¹) married in 1853 Adaline Spencer of Medway, who died in 1864. Son:—

30. LEWIS A., 1855; m. in 1878 Theresa A. Flemming of Sherborn.

DANIEL.

Most of the descendants of Robert Daniel of Cambridge resided in this vicinity during our early history, and the generations are here reckoned from him. Children :—

2. ELIZABETH; m. Thomas Fanning.
- +3. SAMUEL.
- +4. JOSEPH.
5. SARAH; was here in 1666, and had a son named William Cheney.
6. MARY, 1642; m. in 1660 Sampson Frairy (4); was slain by Indians at or near Deerfield, in 1704.

3.

SAMUEL² (Robert¹) came to these parts after his brother Joseph settled here, and built a house on Boggestow Brook soon after the Indian war. His wife was Mercy Grant of Watertown, married in 1671. He died in 1695. Children :—

7. ROBERT, 1672; settled in Sherborn.
8. JOSEPH, 1677; m. in 1697 Lydia Adams (134), and settled in Dedham (or Needham).
9. MARY, 1679.
10. ELIZABETH, 1681.
11. SARAH, 1683.

4.

JOSEPH² (Robert¹) was accepted as a townsman here early in 1662, and signed the agreement. His grants were all on the west side of the river. He married in 1665 Mary Fairbanks (2). His house was burned by the Indians in 1676, and his name appears among the petitioners to the General Court for aid. He served three years as a selectman of Medfield, and in 1700 kept school on the west side. His wife died in 1682; and he married, second, Rachel Sheffield, who died in 1687. His third wife was Lydia, widow of James Allen (6). He was in full communion at the time of Mr. Baxter's settlement. He died in 1715. Children :—

12. JOSEPH, 1666; settled on the west side.
13. MARY, 1669; had a son, Henry Daniel, who lived to the age of ninety-nine.
14. SAMUEL, 1671; died apparently prior to 1715.
15. MEHITABLE, 1674-1686.
16. EBENEZER, 1677; m. in 1701 Elizabeth Partridge (55); second, in 1707, Mary Harding (16).
17. ELIZABETH, 1679; m. in 1705 Joseph Mason (107); second, in 1730, John Draper of Dedham.
18. JEREMIAH, 1680-1680.
19. ELEAZAR, 1681; settled at Mendon.
20. JEREMIAH, 1684; m. in 1713 Hannah Partridge (60).
21. RACHEL, 1686.
22. ZECHARIAH, 1687-1687.

24.

NOAH⁶ (Joseph,⁵ Joseph,⁴ Joseph,³ Joseph,² Robert¹) was born in 1772; came from Medway to Medfield, and married in 1792 Abigail Allen (69). He built a house on Main Street, on the site afterward occupied by Dr. Sanders, which he sold in 1815 to John Fairbanks, and removed from town. He died in Worcester a few years afterward. Children:—

25. JASON, 1793; m. in 1816 Julia Morse (94); resided in Worcester for a while, but returned, and died in Medway.
26. THANKFUL, 1796; m. Elisha Foster, Worcester.
27. NOAH, 1814; resides in Medway.

28.

MOSES⁷ (Amos,⁶ Moses,⁵ Ezra,⁴ Joseph,³ Joseph,² Robert¹) was born in Medway in 1813. He married Julia Fairbanks of Medway, daughter of Silas and Milly (Plimpton 122) Fairbanks; came to this town after his marriage, and died here in 1859. Daughter:

29. MILLIE FRANCES, 1849; m. in 1883 Charles C. Freeman.

DANIELSON.

DR. LOTHARIO DANIELSON was a practising physician here for several years. He came from the State of New York to this place about 1800: his homestead was that now owned by Charles Dunn. His first wife was Mary Ryder, a native of Worcester County. She died in 1812; and he married, second, Hannah Cheney (53) in 1817. In 1826, he sold his homestead to Robert Roberts, and removed to Rochester, N.Y., about 1828; and from thence he went to Michigan, where he died. His wife returned, and died in Sharon. Children:—

2. NANCY W.; in 1823 m. Walter R. Johnson of Germantown, Pa.
3. SUSAN; married and died in Michigan.
4. MARY A., 1798-1881; unmarried.
5. CAROLINE, 1800-1806.
6. WILLIAM C., 1804-1806.

DERBY.

ELIAS H. DERBY was the son of John Derby, of Salem. He purchased in 1823 the place now owned and occupied by R. A. Battelle. He married in 1829 Mary A. Allen, daughter of Reuben Allen (149); he died in 1840, aged forty-four. He was a graduate of Harvard in 1824; served here three years as town clerk and two years on the board of selectmen. Children:—

2. SARAH E., 1831; m. William Rogers.
3. RICHARD C., 1834-1862; fell at the battle of Antietam; was a captain in the 15th Massachusetts Regiment.
4. BENJAMIN P., 1837-1842.

5.

JOHN B. DERBY was also a son of John of Salem, and was a lawyer by profession. He married in 1820 Mary Townsend of Dedham, daughter of Horatio (9). He came to Medfield about 1820, and lived on the estate now owned by the Derby heirs. A separation between him and his wife took place, and he left town. Mrs. Derby resided here until her death in 1880. Children:—

6. SARAH A., 1821-1837.
7. GEORGE H., 1823-1861. He graduated at West Point in 1846; served in the Mexican war, and was wounded at Cerro Gordo; afterward captain in U.S.A. Corps of Topographical Engineers. He was known in the literary world as "John Phoenix."

DUNTON.

BENJAMIN DUNTON was the son of Samuel of Wrentham, and was born there in 1733. The first mention of him in the records is in 1757. In the following year, he bought a house, and nine acres of land adjoining, of Eleazar Ellis. It was described as lying on Meeting-house Brook, bounded south by the highway, and east by the burying-ground in part and by William Peters in part. He married in 1763 Margaret Morse (64), who survived his death in 1768, and became the wife of Adam Peters (5). Children:—

2. PATIENCE, 1765; m. in 1789 Jonathan Breck (21).
3. MARGARET, 1768-1776.

4.

GERSHOM DUNTON was also the son of Samuel of Wrentham, and was born in 1735. He married in 1769 Tahpenes Peters (7). After residing here a few years, he disappears from view. Children:—

5. AMBROSE, 1770.
6. WILLIAM, 1772.
7. JERUSHA, 1774.
8. GEORGE W., 1776.
9. BENJAMIN, 1781-1781.

DWIGHT.

TIMOTHY DWIGHT is supposed to have been a brother of John of Dedham, and to have resided there several years prior to the settlement of Medfield. He was one of the first thirteen, and drew for his house lot the maximum quantity, twelve acres. It stretched along North Street nearly to Dale Street. His house

stood on the spot now owned by the Derby heirs. He was a member of the first board of selectmen, an office which he held eighteen years. He was chosen representative to the General Court in 1652, the first who enjoyed that honor. He was also lieutenant, or chief military officer of the town. At his own request, he was discharged by the General Court in 1668, "on account of defective eyesight."

At the burning of the town, he was severely wounded by the Indians, in consequence of which he died a few weeks afterward. In his will, made in the prospect of speedy death, he gave his house and barn, "if it please God that they stand," to his son Timothy. His first wife, Mary, died in 1668, leaving no children. He married in 1669 Dorcas Watson, daughter of John of Roxbury, who was born in 1639. She survived him, and married in 1677 John Adams (165). Children:—

2. TIMOTHY, 1670; probably died in childhood.
3. JOHN, 1672; died in infancy.
- +4. JOHN, 1675.

4.

JOHN² (Timothy¹) was born the year his father died. When he grew up, he came into possession of the homestead, and married in 1696 Elizabeth Harding (13). He was a prominent man in town affairs; was chief military officer of the town; served as treasurer, town clerk for six years, selectman ten years, and representative to the General Court in 1741 and 1743. He died in 1751, his wife in 1758. Children:—

5. ELIZABETH, 1698; m. in 1725 Peter Balch (19).
6. TIMOTHY, 1700-1715.
7. DORCAS, 1703; m. in 1726 Josiah Ellis of Dedham.
8. KEZIA, 1705-1776; m. in 1725 William Plimpton (31).
9. SARAH, 1708; m. in 1733 Moses Ellis of Walpole.
10. SYBIL, 1711-1711.
11. HANNAH, 1712; m. in 1732 Joseph Clark (73); second, in 1747, Jonathan Ellis of Dedham.
- +12. SETH, 1716.

12.

SETH³ (John,² Timothy¹) received the estate by the will of his father, and resided upon it till his death. He, like his father, was active in town affairs; held the office of town treasurer, and was a member of the board of selectmen several years. He married in 1740 Hannah Fisher (41). He died of small-pox in 1776: his wife died in 1792. Children:—

13. PATTY, 1747; m. in 1777 Jonathan Metcalf (25).
- +14. TIMOTHY, 1750.
15. HANNAH, 1753-1761.

14.

TIMOTHY⁴ (Seth,³ John,² Timothy¹) graduated at Harvard College in 1774. He was educated as a physician, and served in the Revolutionary war as surgeon's mate. He is said to have been a dissipated man; and the records certainly show that his character was not of an exalted type. In 1787, he was fined £1 10s. for breaking the meeting-house windows. He deceived one woman by a mock marriage, and lived with her for some time in marital relations before she discovered the deception. Two children, the fruit of this union, died in infancy. He was also the father of other illegitimate children. He finally married Experience Fuller (10); sold out his share in his father's place, and went to Long Island, where he died some time previous to 1800, as in that year his "widow" died in Medfield. Son:—

16. TIMOTHY, 1789–1853; unmarried; came back to Medfield a pauper, and was supported here till his death.

ELLIS.

JOHN ELLIS was a freeman in Dedham in 1641. He married in 1641 Susanna Lumber. He was one of the first thirteen of the Medfield grantees; and his house lot was on Main Street, the spot now owned by Thomas Upham. His wife died in 1654; and the next year he married Joan, widow of John Clapp of Dorchester. He seems to have been a leading citizen, serving as a selectman for seven years. He died in 1697, and his widow in 1704. Children:—

- +2. JOHN, 1646.
- 3. SUSANNA; m. Matthias Evans (1); died in 1724.
- 4. HANNAH, 1651–1717; m. in 1671 Samuel Rockwood (3). She was the first white female born in Medfield; and a fragment of her tombstone, which stated this fact, is still standing in the cemetery.
- 5. SAMUEL, 1660–1684.
- +6. JOSEPH, 1662.
- +7. ELEAZAR, 1664.

2.

JOHN² (John¹) settled on the west side of the river. He married in 1677 Mary Herring. There is no record of her death; but in the Boston records we find that John Ellis of Medfield married Mary Hill of Sherborn, in 1698. He died in 1716, his widow in 1729. Children:—

- +8. JOHN, 1678.
- 9. JOSEPH, 1681–1754; prominent in Medway affairs.
- 10. MARY, 1686; m. in 1701 Zachary Partridge (54); second, John Barber (26).
- 11. SARAH, 1687–1705; m. in 1704 Nathaniel Wight (27).
- 12. HANNAH, 1688; m. John Taylor.
- 13. SAMUEL, 1699–1769; inherited his father's estate in Medway.

6.

JOSEPH² (John¹) by his father's will shared his father's estate with his brother Eleazar, and it seems that such an arrangement was made that Joseph remained at the home place on Main Street. He served as a selectman seven years. He married in 1688 Lydia Lovell (4), who died in 1694; second, Elizabeth Metcalf (4). He died in 1726, his widow in 1735. Children:—

- 14. LYDIA, 1689-1726; m. in 1713 Elisha Bullen (19).
- 15. JOSEPH, 1691-1757; m. Thamazin Adams (135); resided in Medway.
- 16. JOHN, 1694; settled on the west side of the river.
- +17. JAMES, 1697.
- 18. HANNAH, 1699; m. in 1728 Nathaniel Fisher of Wrentham.

7.

ELEAZAR² (John¹) settled in the north part of the town, on the corner between Canal and Railroad Streets. He had a house there as early as 1689, evidently. He married in 1687 Mary Metcalf (8), who died in 1727. He served as a selectman in 1706, 1709, and 1718. He died in 1731. Children:—

- 19. MARY, 1691-1778; m. Thomas Adams (46).
- +20. ELEAZAR, 1694.
- +21. SAMUEL, 1697.
- +22. DAVID, 1702.

8.

JOHN³ (Joseph,² John¹) married in 1718 Hannah Wight (37). One son, John, born in 1721, died the same year. He owned a place a short distance south of Pound Street, formerly Thomas Thurston's homestead. The cellar of the house is yet visible: the lot fronted on the "common," or training-field. He held several important offices in the town. His widow, who became the wife of John Pratt, gave the land where the house stood to the Medfield church, on certain conditions; and it has retained the name of the "church lot" to this time. He died in 1745.

17.

JAMES³ (Joseph,² John¹) succeeded to the possession of the original place on Main Street. He married in 1720 Tabitha Mason (11), who died in 1770; second, in 1771, Hannah Jones of Holliston. He died in 1776. Children:—

- 23. TABITHA, 1722-1723.
- 24. ELIZABETH, 1724-1732.
- 25. TABITHA, 1728; m. Jesse French, mariner, and lived at one time in Medway.
- 26. HANNAH, 1729-1737.
- 27. JEMIMA, 1732-1817; unmarried.
- 28. SARAH, 1734; m. Sadey Mason (26).

29. ABIGAIL, 1736-1764; m. in 1761 Noah Allen (40).
 30. JAMES, 1738-1816; adjudged "non compos" in 1777, and had a guardian appointed.
 31. LYDIA, 1740-1801; m. in 1764 Nathan Partridge (36).

20.

ELEAZAR³ (Eleazar,² John¹) married in 1720 Patience Evans (6), only heir to her father's estate. Eleazar's father had come into possession of the Benjamin Wheelock homestead in 1718, which he deeded to him in 1727, so that he owned from Bridge Street to the cemetery. His wife died in 1762; and he married, second, Johanna —. Having no surviving children, he made his brother's son, Nathan Ellis, his heir; and he probably lived with him on the west side of Noon Hill for several years. He died in 1779. Children:—

32. MATTHIAS, 1724-1736.
 33. MATTHIAS, 1737-1737.

21.

SAMUEL³ (Eleazar,² John¹) remained with his father on the place at the north end, and at his decease inherited it. He married in 1719 Sarah Adams (49), who died in 1725. About 1725, he married a second wife, Abigail, who died in 1735, aged twenty-eight. Scrutiny makes it probable, in the absence of any record of his marriage, that this was Abigail Ellis, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Ellis of Dedham, born in 1707. Her father died in 1721; and her mother, without doubt, married Ichabod Harding of Medfield (next neighbor to Samuel) in 1725. His third wife, married in 1736, was Mary Partridge (16), who survived him, and became the fourth wife of Deacon Wheelock. Samuel was killed by a fall into the cellar in 1751. Children:—

- +34. OLIVER, 1727.
 35. ABIGAIL, 1729-1736.
 36. MARY, 1731-1736.
 37. PHINEHAS, 1732-1733.
 38. ICHABOD, 1735-1735.

22.

DAVID³ (Eleazar,² John¹) married in 1725 Rachel Partridge (70), and when her father removed to Bellingham came into possession of the place on the corner of North and Railroad Streets. Rachel died in 1727, and in 1732 he sold the place to Jonathan Wight. He married in 1729 Elizabeth Cook of Needham, and removed to Bellingham, where he died about 1739. Children:—

39. SARAH, 1725.
 40. REUBEN, 1727.
 +41. NATHAN, 1730.

34.

OLIVER⁴ (Samuel,³ Eleazar,² John¹) lived on the place which had been owned by his father and grandfather. He was a man of influence in the town for many years, serving on the board of selectmen fourteen years, and as representative four years. He married in 1750 Mary Plimpton (55). His house, which was burned a few years since, was built about 1753. He died in 1808, his wife in 1811. Children:—

- 42. NABBY, 1751-1817; m. in 1770 Ebenezer Clark (165).
- 43. OLIVER, 1753-1757.
- 44. OBED, 1755-1757.
- 45. MARY, 1757-1854; m. in 1783 Simeon Pratt (25).
- 46. CHARLOTTE, 1762-1844; m. in 1780 Billings Tisdale.
- 47. AMY, 1764-1853; m. in 1787 Oliver Adams (139).
- 48. JULIA, 1766-1862; m. in 1796 Darius Adams (204).

41.

NATHAN⁴ (David,³ Eleazar,² John¹) located west of Noon Hill, at "Jadewalk," so called, certainly as early as 1759, and probably at the time of his marriage, about 1752. He received his property from his uncle Eleazar. The family was one of the wealthiest and most aristocratic in town in those days. He married, first, in 1751, Hannah Bacon, who died in 1777, aged forty-four; second, in 1778, Sarah Adams (141). He died in 1801, his widow in 1806. His estate went to his son Eleazar, only heir. Children:—

- +49. ELEAZAR, 1753.
- 50. SILAS, 1757-1758.
- 51. ELIZABETH, 1759-1775.

49.

ELEAZAR⁵ (Nathan,⁴ David,³ Eleazar,² John¹) had the title of Major. He served as selectman in 1784-85 and 1789. He married in 1774 Abigail Holmes of Sharon, who had been a hired girl in his father's family. The union proved to be most unhappy, and a separation took place. About 1797, he removed to Providence, and married Sarah Peters (14). They had three children: Martha, who married Asa Cole (13); Elizabeth, who married Moses Pratt of Wrentham; and a son, who was drowned at the age of four years. Eleazar Ellis died about 1805, and his widow married James Forbes of Rutland. The divorced wife, who is said to have caused the trouble, died in 1816, having been supported by charity.

52.

THOMAS ELLIS was a brother of John (1), and came from Dedham to Medfield in the end of 1651 or the beginning of

1652. His grant for a house lot was on North Street, the spot now occupied by his lineal descendants. The estate has never been out of the possession of the family. His house was evidently built as early as 1653, and he married in 1657 Mary Wight (5). He died in 1690, and his wife in 1693. Children :—

- 53. JUDITH, 1658; m. in 1678 Benjamin Rockwood (5).
- 54. MARY, 1660-1717; m. in 1678 Jonathan Adams (3).
- 55. ABIEL, 1662-1716; m. in 1683 Zachary Barber (9).
- +56. SAMUEL, 1664.
- 57. THOMAS, 1666-1670.
- 58. PATIENCE, 1668-1695; m. in 1691 Henry Adams (8).
- 59. RUTH, 1670; was living unmarried in 1697.
- 60. JOANNA, 1677; m. in 1698 Nathaniel Rockwood (9).

56.

SAMUEL² (Thomas¹) settled on the homestead, which he inherited by paying the legacies to his sisters. He married Deborah Lovell (9), as we discover by her father's will. Samuel died in 1712, at the age of forty-eight. His wife died in 1740. Children :—

- 61. SAMUEL, 1694-1695.
- +62. SAMUEL, 1696.
- +63. THOMAS, 1698.
- 64. DEBORAH, 1700; m. Joseph Draper of Dedham in 1725.
- 65. LYDIA, 1702-1723.
- 66. TIMOTHY, 1704-1734; m. in 1730 Hannah Adams (31); settled in Medway.
- 67. MARY, 1706-1753.
- 68. SARAH, 1708-1781; m. in 1728 Seth Partridge (27).
- 69. ABIGAIL, 1711; m. in 1731 Jonathan — of Dedham.

62.

SAMUEL³ (Samuel,² Thomas¹) was heir to the paternal estate by paying legacies to his brothers and sisters. He sold to Timothy land in West Medway in exchange for relinquishment of rights in the homestead. He sold his brother Thomas lands in the extreme north part of the town, where he afterward located. He married in 1724 Sarah Adams (190), who died in 1733; second, in 1735, Miriam Partridge (17), who died in 1768; third, in 1769, Elizabeth Rice of Dedham, who died in 1777. He died in 1778. Children :—

- 70. SARAH, 1725-1771; m. in 1752 Jonathan Allen (44).
- +71. SAMUEL, 1727.

72. RACHEL, 1729; m. in 1750 Seth Marsh, and went to Sturbridge.
 73. PETER, 1732-1732.
 74. LYDIA, 1733-1737.

63.

THOMAS³ (Samuel,² Thomas¹) married in 1725 Elizabeth Morse (47). He had a house at first in the north part of the town, near where Alfred Cutler now lives. He sold his homestead here to John Cutler, and removed to Natick, where he died in 1747. Children: —

75. KEZIA, 1726; m. in 1745 Daniel Chickering of Dedham.
 76. THOMAS, 1735-1768; born in Natick; m. in 1761 Mehitable Fisher of Dedham.

71.

SAMUEL⁴ (Samuel,³ Samuel,² Thomas¹) was the only son who lived to grow up, and settled with his father, whom he outlived one year. He married in 1754 Sarah Morse (123), who died in 1823, aged ninety-three. He died in 1779. Children: —

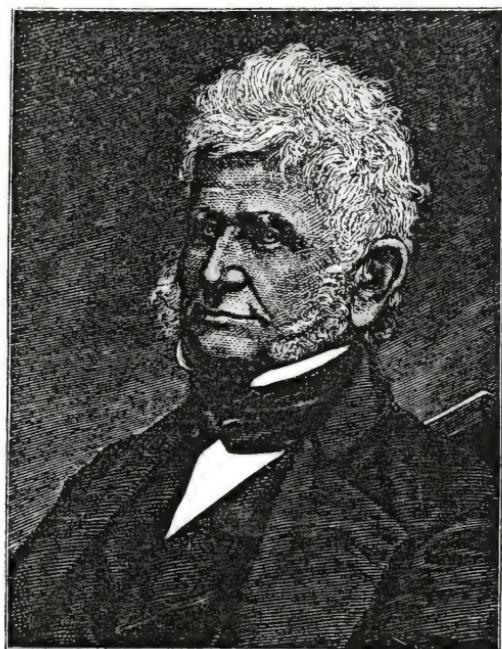
77. MARY, 1755-1830.
 78. ELIZABETH, 1756-1780.
 79. SARAH, 1758-1772.
 80. LYDIA, 1760-1760.
 81. LYDIA, 1761-1786.
 +82. GEORGE, 1763.
 83. AMOS, 1767-1772.
 84. SARAH, 1774-1801.
 85. MARGARET, 1776-1845.

82.

GEORGE⁵ (Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Samuel,² Thomas¹) succeeded to the possession of the homestead. He kept school in 1784, and afterward was a merchant in company with Johnson Mason, and kept a store for several years. They also manufactured straw goods to some extent. George Ellis held the office of coroner, was town treasurer, and served on the board of selectmen. He married in 1786 Martha Chaloner, who died in 1794, at the age of thirty-six. He married, second, in 1795, Meriel Fuller of Newton, who died in 1796; third, in 1797, Deborah Baker of Dedham. He died in 1808, at the age of forty-five. His widow survived him forty years. Children: —

86. BETSEY, 1787-1863; m. in 1809 Hinsdale Fisher (79.)
 +87. JOHN, 1788.
 88. PATTY, 1790; m. in 1815 John Baker of Dedham.
 89. GEORGE, 1792; m. in 1818 Catherine Whiting, and resided in Dedham.

87.



JOHN ELLIS.

- +90. SAMUEL, 1818.
 91. JOHN, 1820; graduated Harvard College 1842; died 1846.
 92. { MARY A., 1833-1837.
 93. { MARTHA C., 1833-1854.

90.

SAMUEL⁷ (John,⁶ George,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Samuel,² Thomas¹) married in 1845 Martha Ellis (118). Children: —

94. EMILY E., 1846.
 95. GEORGE H., 1848; m. in 1869 Sarah Dale, who died in 1884, leaving two children, Herbert D. and Martha E.; second, in 1880, Elizabeth Shaw.
 96. EDWIN H., 1850; m. in 1874 Nellie E. Wheeler.
 97. JESSE L. B., 1852.
 98. MARY A., 1855-1870.
 99. EMMA, }
 100. ELLA, } 1859-1859.
 101. EVA, }

105.

JESSE ELLIS, son of Aaron Ellis of Dedham, was born in 1740. He married Mary Harding (48), and in 1766 bought the home-stead of John Cutler, in north part of the town. He sold it in 1772 to Simeon Cutler. His wife died in 1776, and he removed

to Dedham. He sold out there in 1778, and went to Winchendon. He married, second, Miriam Hill, daughter of Maverick Hill of Ashburnham, formerly of Medway. Jesse died in 1822, his widow in 1831. Children :—

106. OBED, 1768-1819; m. in 1794 Margaret C. Adams (150) who died in 1844, leaving no children. Obed Ellis once owned the estate at the corner of North and Green Streets, but, failing in business, sold it in 1810 to Nathan Allen, and bought a house on Main Street, which stood where that of James Hewins, Esq., now stands.
107. MARY, 1776-1835; m. in 1794 William Peters (16).

There were also three children by second marriage, who left numerous descendants in Ashburnham and vicinity.

108.

JESSE ELLIS, who married in 1805 Dorcas Lovell (36), was born in Walpole in 1780, son of Joseph Ellis and wife Sarah Clark (117). After residing here for a short time, he bought an estate on Foundry Street. His wife died in 1813, and he married in 1815 Elizabeth Hawes of Walpole. He died in 1846, and his homestead was sold to Jedediah H. Snow. He served six years on the board of selectmen. His widow died in 1870. Children :—

109. DAVID, 1805-1807.
110. { DAVID, 1807-1807.
111. { JOSEPH, 1807-1807.
112. HARRIET, 1808-1862; m. in 1861 John A. Turner (89).
113. CATY, 1811; m. in 1835 Edmund T. Everett.
114. { JOSEPH, 1813; resides in Bellingham.
115. { JESSE, 1813; resides in Sherborn.
116. ELIZABETH H., 1816; m. in 1843 Albert Stone of Belvidere, Ill.
117. MARY H., 1818-1884; m. in 1865 Edmund T. Everett.
118. MARTHA, 1820; m. in 1845 Samuel Ellis (90).

119.

SETH ELLIS was born in Walpole in 1778, the son of John, grandson of Moses Ellis and Sarah Dwight (9). He married Mary Fairbanks in 1806, and came to Medfield about 1811. He purchased the homestead of the Cheney family, lately owned by Caleb Ellis. He was a member of the board of selectmen ten years. He died in 1853, his wife in 1837, aged fifty-seven. Children :—

- +120. CALEB, 1810.
121. JOHN, 1812-1864; m. in 1835 Amy A. Fisher (67); lived in Woonsocket, R.I.
122. HANNAH, 1814; m. in 1836 Daniels Hamant (45).
- +123. FRANKLIN, 1817.
124. MOSES, 1826; resides in Framingham.

120.

CALEB² (Seth¹) was born before his parents removed to Medfield. He married in 1836 Abigail Harding (83), who died in 1885. After her death, he resided with his daughter in Maine, where he died in 1887. Children:—

- 125. INFANT, 1837-1837.
- 126. JULIA A., 1838; m. in 1868 Robert Pope; lives in Maine.
- 127. GRANVILLE H., 1840; m. in 1878 Dora Pillsbury.
- 128. JOHN F., 1842-1877; died in California.
- 129. SARAH A., 1845; m. in 1878 George M. Munn of Holyoke.

123.

FRANKLIN² (Seth¹) married in 1849 Alma L. Woods, daughter of Reuben and wife Pamela Smith (216). He died in 1883. Children:—

- 130. WILLIAM F., 1850; in East Greenwich, R.I.
- 131. ADDIE A., 1854; m. in 1873 Albert M. Stone; living in Hanford, Cal.
- 132. JENNIE M., 1862; m. in 1885 Dr. Samuel N. Bentley; resides in Nebraska.

133.

ABNER ELLIS was born in 1765, and came from Medway to Medfield when a boy. He married in 1792 Caroline Clark (227). In 1800, he purchased a small house belonging to the town (to be removed from the town's land), which stood originally near the location of the wire factory. It was removed first to the opposite side of the street, afterward to the Derby estate, where it is still occupied as a tenement. He held various town offices; but, after his wife's death in 1816, he removed to Watertown, where he died the following year. Children:—

- 134. WARREN, 1792-1814.
- +135. FRANCIS D., 1795.
- 136. ABIGAIL, 1802-1873; unmarried.
- 137. WILLIAM, 1809-1876; resided in Holliston.

135.

FRANCIS D.² (Abner¹), when a boy, went away to work in a factory. He returned, and entered a store kept by Colonel Mason on North Street, opposite Dale. When the store on the east corner of Main and Pleasant Streets was built, he was employed there; then at Sudbury for two years. He was in business on his own account at Marlow, N.H., for some time; afterward came to Medfield, and kept the store at the corner of North and Main Streets till 1842, when he sold the store to Isaac Fiske. Removing to Boston, he engaged in the wholesale dry-goods trade, in which he continued until his retirement from active participation in business, when he bought a residence

in his native town. Though he, when a young man, embraced infidel sentiments, and was recognized as a leading opposer of religious efforts here, afterward for many years he was a firm supporter of the Orthodox church, contributing largely to the erection of the present church and parsonage. He married in 1818 Sarah Fiske (8), who died in 1878. He died in 1882. Children:—

136. CAROLINE L., 1820-1822; born in Sudbury.
137. SARAH J., 1822-1822; born in Marlow, N.H.
138. ELLEN A., 1824; m. in 1847 Rev. Thomas Laurie.
139. HARRIET N., 1826-1854; m. in 1850 J. R. Cambell of Boston.
140. SARAH F., 1831-1887; killed in the Bussey Bridge railroad disaster.
141. ABBY W., 1832; m. in 1857 Richard B. Smith of West Roxbury.
142. MARY F., 1837.

EVANS.

MATTHIAS EVANS was born in Dorchester in 1644. He married in 1669 Patience Meade, who died in the following year. In 1679, he sold his estate in Dorchester, and bought the place in Medfield that had been owned by William Cheney. The house stood near the corner of Bridge Street. The farm lay along the brook, on the south side of Main Street. He was a housewright by trade. His second wife was Susanna Ellis (3). He died in 1684. His widow survived him forty years, dying in 1724. Children:—

- +2. MATTHIAS, 1670.
3. HANNAH; m. in 1705 William Allen (158).
4. EBENEZER; died in 1718, probably unmarried. His estate was divided between his mother, brother, and sister.

2

MATTHIAS² (Matthias¹) remained upon his father's place. He married in 1701 Sarah Smith (19). He died in 1725, and his widow married Henry Harding (10). The homestead went to the only heir, Patience Ellis. Matthias served as selectman in 1714. Children:—

5. SARAH, 1702-1704.
6. PATIENCE, 1704-1762; m. Eleazar Ellis (20).

EVERETT.

JOEL EVERETT, son of Pelatiah and Mary Everett, descendant of Richard Everett of Dedham, was born in Westminster in 1791. His mother dying when he was a child, he was brought up with his uncle Amos Hawes, of Franklin. After leaving him, he engaged in the manufacture of thread, and established a factory in Wrentham, near North Attleboro. This business he continued till about 1850. He married in 1820 Hepsia Blackinton of Wrentham. After her death, he married in 1850 Hannah Ware of Medfield, widow of

Philander Ware, who had bought the estate on the west corner of Main and Pleasant Streets, where Mr. Everett resided till the time of his death, in 1881. Children :—

2. EDWIN A., 1821-1821.
3. JOSEPH B., 1824-1827.
4. HENRY J., 1827-1871; m. in 1855 Almenia C. Burr of Newton, Mass. He was a teacher, and he held for some time the office of town clerk.
5. CHARLOTTE F., 1829-1832.
6. ALBERT M., 1830; m. in 1855 Nancy Wyatt; second, Sarah Steele.
7. EDGAR B., 1834-1834.
8. AMELIA F., 1836.

FAIRBANKS.

GEORGE FAIRBANKS was the first settler on Medfield soil west of the river. He came from Dedham about 1657, and bought land near Sherborn line that had been granted to Rev. John Allen. Mr. Allen's farm, lying within our limits, was reserved when our grant for a township was given. This rendered Fairbanks' citizenship doubtful. He married in 1646 Mary Adams of Dedham, who survived him. He was drowned in 1682. Children :—

2. MARY, 1647-1682; m. in 1665 Joseph Daniel (4).
- +3. GEORGE, 1650.
4. SAMUEL, 1652-1676.
5. ELEAZAR, 1655; settled in Sherborn.
6. JONAS, 1656-1676.
7. JONATHAN, 1662-1719; first physician of Sherborn; was drowned while crossing the river in the night.
8. MARGARET, 1664; m. William Holbrook of Mendon.

3.

GEORGE² (George¹) inherited the homestead. He married in 1671 Rachel Adams (166), who died in 1678. He had a second wife, Susanna ——. He was one of our selectmen in 1693, and was prominent in the formation of the town of Medway. Children :

9. RACHEL, 1672; m. Jonathan Fisher (9).
10. MARY, 1675; m. in 1696 Benjamin Allen (159).
11. SUSANNA, 1681-1681.
12. SUSANNA, 1682.
13. DOROTHY, 1683; m. in 1713 Ebenezer Thompson.
14. MARGARET, 1685-1787; m. in 1704 Jonathan Wight (22).
15. JONAS, 1688-1690.
16. SARAH, 1690-1690.
17. GEORGE, 1694; settled on the original place.
18. JOHN, 1697.

A daughter Hannah is mentioned in his will; m. Joseph Curtis.

19.

JOTHAM⁶ (Jotham,⁵ George,⁴ George,³ George,² George¹) was the next of this name to be found in our records. He was born in Medway in 1778, and married Betsey Lovell (39) in 1803. After his marriage, he removed to Medfield, and in 1813 purchased the estate on Bridge Street now owned by Perley T. Chase. He was a millwright by trade. He died in 1858, his wife in 1860. Children:

- 20. ABIGAIL, 1803; m. in 1827 John Balch (5).
- +21. LOVELL, 1806.
- 22. JOSEPH, 1810-1834.
- 23. ELIZA, 1815-1835.
- +24. JAMES A., 1818.
- 25. MARY A. L., 1822-1847.

21.

LOVELL⁷ (Jotham,⁶ Jotham,⁵ George,⁴ George,³ George,² George¹) married Keziah Cole (18), who died in 1842. He died in Medfield in 1844. His children were born in Medway or Holliston. Children:—

- 26. ABBY; m. John Wild of Somerville.
- 27. SARAH; m. John Bailey of Easton.
- 28. MARGARET, 1834-1858; m. in 1854 Orlando Stevens.
- 29. JOSEPH, 1837-1862.
- 30. MARY; m. Fred. Baker of Sharon.

24.

JAMES A.⁷ (Jotham,⁶ Jotham,⁵ George,⁴ George,³ George,² George¹) married in 1852 Abby H. Hill (34), who died in 1869. Children:—

- 31. EMMA J., 1853; m. in 1871 Ellery Franks.
- 32. CHARLES E., 1859.
- 33. CLARA E., 1859.
- 34. ADDIE C., 1865.

35.

DAVID FAIRBANKS of Needham came to this town when somewhat advanced in life. He married Jemima Whitney of Needham. Children:—

- 36. LEMUEL, 1786-1833. The widow of Lemuel died in Medfield in 1880.
- 37. ELLIS; died in Mansfield.
- 38. DAVID; died in Melrose in 1874.
- +39. NATHANIEL, 1799.
- 40. LUCY; m. Oliver Cutler (18); died 1881.
- 41. DOLLY; m. —— Dickerson.
- 42. MARY; m. —— Bodwell.
- 43. REBECCA; m. Pearson Bemis in 1857.

39.

NATHANIEL² (David¹) came to Medfield when a boy, and lived till after his marriage with his uncle Eli Smith (208). He mar-

ried in 1822 Sarah Wood of Ashburnham. He resided in Medfield until a few years before his death, which occurred at Waltham in 1874. Children:—

44. JOHN W., 1822; resides in Waltham.
45. DAVID S., 1824; lives in Wakefield.
46. SARAH J., 1829-1861.
47. MARY F., 1833; m. in 1859 Charles C. Sewall (6).
48. AMY A., 1836-1855.
49. HENRY A., 1839-1861.

50.

DAVID FAIRBANKS of Sharon came here in 1809, and bought the estate where the town hall stands, including a store. The house he enlarged, and kept a tavern there for several years. About 1816, he built the house opposite the head of South Street, and soon after a new store at the corner of North Street, moving away the old one. He was the business man of the town,—kept a large assortment of goods, carried on the manufacture of straw bonnets, and run a boarding-house for his help. He also traded in real estate to a considerable extent; was on the board of selectmen for two years. His wife was Mary Billings of Sharon. Lewis Fairbanks, a brother of his, a carpenter, lived here a few years, built the house on South Street now owned by J. B. Hale. Another brother, John Fairbanks, bootmaker, also lived here, and married Adeliza Wight (117). He died in 1830. Still another brother, Jason Fairbanks, lived here, and a sister, Sarah, who married Asa Clark (243). Lydia Fairbanks, the mother of the five, died here in 1832. David Fairbanks failed in business, and removed to New York. His house was sold to Captain William Felt in 1821.

FISHER.

JOSHUA FISHER was the son of Anthony Fisher of Syleham, Suffolk County, England, and was born in 1585. He came to America in 1640, and was made a freeman in the same year. He was a blacksmith by trade, and settled first at Dedham, his brother Anthony having come in 1637. His first wife, Elizabeth, the mother of all his children, had died; and he married at Syleham in 1638 Anne Luson, who came with him to America. From Dedham, he came to Medfield at its settlement, and drew his house lot in the centre of the town, where the house of William P. Hewins now stands. He was on the board of selectmen two years. He was also one of the first deacons of the Medfield church. He died in 1674, his wife in 1676. Children:—

2. JOSHUA, 1621-1672. He was the "Lieutenant Joshua" of Dedham.
- +3. JOHN.
4. MARY; m. in 1648 Thomas Battle of Dedham.

3.

JOHN² (Joshua¹) born in England, date unknown; married in 1658 Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Boylston. A paper is on record in which Joshua Fisher, blacksmith, and Anne, his wife, make an agreement with their son John at his intended marriage, giving him four acres of the home lot and other lands, stock, furniture, half the stock and tools in the shop, he to have the entire estate at the death of the parents. Elizabeth died in 1665; and he married, second, Mary Treadway. He died in 1668; and in his will he gave to his wife Mary a right in the house and his personal property. His eldest son John was to have a "dubble portion." Children:—

- 5. ELIZABETH, 1658-1694; m. in 1677 John Plimpton (4).
- +6. JOHN, 1661.
- 7. THOMAS, 1663-1663.
- 8. ESTHER, 1665-1666.
- +9. JONATHAN, 1666.
- 10. NATHANIEL, 1667-1668.

6.

JOHN³ (John,² Joshua¹) became heir to the homestead of his grandfather, which he occupied till his death, at the age of ninety-four. He held the office of coroner as early as 1704; served seven years as one of the selectmen; was representative to the General Court in 1720. He made a will in 1734, in which he mentions his negro man, Pompey, who was to be sold, and what he was sold for to be divided among the heirs. They missed the opportunity of sharing in the proceeds of Pompey's sale, as he died before his master. In the will, he also refers to his wife, to whom he had given but little, for the reason that she had withheld a certain bond from him. At the settlement of the estate, she says that the bond is one she brought with her, and that her husband had told her to keep it. The case was left to referees, who decided that the estate should pay her 4*£*. He married, first, Mary Metcalf, in 1683, who died in 1727; second, in 1731, Sarah Harding, probably widow of Ichabod (11). He died in 1755, and his widow in 1766, aged eighty-eight. Children:—

- +11. SAMUEL, 1685.
- 12. JOHN, 1687-1713; m. Rebecca Wheelock (35). He left one daughter, Rebecca, born in 1713, who became the wife of John Baxter (7.). His widow married Jeremiah Adams of Medway in 1715.
- 13. MARY, 1689-1719; m. in 1703 John Turner (12).
- 14. JUDITH, 1691; m. in 1712 Stephen Turner (13).
- 15. SIMON, 1695-1725.
- 16. ELIZABETH, 1697-1718.
- 17. SARAH, 1700; was living unmarried in 1734.
- 18. HANNAH, 1703; m. in 1726 Jedediah Morse of Crackrock (Foxboro).

9.

JONATHAN³ (John,² Joshua¹) resided in this town on the west side of the river. He married Rachel Fairbanks (9). Children:

- 19. RACHEL, 1692-1694.
- 20. MARY, 1695; m. James Clark of Medway.
- 21. RACHEL, 1698.
- 22. JONATHAN, 1699-1699.
- 23. ABIGAIL, 1701.
- 24. MARGARET, 1704.

11.

SAMUEL⁴ (John,³ John,² Joshua¹) settled in Wrentham. At his father's death in 1755, the ancestral place was given to him. He seems to have resided here for a short time, but in 1758 he gave the place to his son John. Samuel returned to Wrentham, and died in 1769. His wife was Mary Rockwood (29), married in 1708. She died in 1763. In his will, he mentions sons Samuel, John, and Nathan, daughters Bathsheba, Elizabeth, and Patience.

25.

JOHN⁵ (Samuel,⁴ John,³ John,² Joshua¹) was born in Wrentham in 1718. He was the last of the name to inherit the Fisher homestead. He kept a small store adjoining his house. He married in 1749 Thankful Clark (78), who died in 1809. His will gave the estate after his wife's death to a nephew or other relative in Medway. John died in 1802. He was a selectman in 1758-61, and a delegate to the convention at Concord in 1779.

26.

JOHN³ (Joshua,² Joshua¹) was born in Dedham in 1652, and remained there until the death of his father in 1672. He then came to Medfield, where he married in 1674 Hannah Adams (168), and settled at first in the north part of the town, not far from Castle Hill. His house was destroyed by the Indians, and he was among the petitioners for relief for that cause. The location of his first house is not easily ascertained: it would seem to have been near the estate now owned by William C. Allen. He did not rebuild, but bought the old Hinsdale homestead on North Street, where William Chenery's house now stands. He was a blacksmith, and built a shop near what is now the corner of North and Frairy Streets. It was built on the town's land at first, but in 1684 he was granted the land his shop stood on. He continued on the Hinsdale place till his death in 1727. His widow married Joseph Metcalf (5), and the homestead was sold in 1732 to Peter Coolidge. Children:—

- 27. HANNAH, 1674-1726; m. William Partridge (5).
- +28. JOHN, 1677.
- 29. RACHEL, 1680-1712; m. in 1698 Jonathan Boyden (6).

- 30. MEHITABLE, 1682-1751; m. in 1715 John Bullen (13).
- 31. JOSHUA, 1685; settled in Walpole.
- +32. JOSIAH, 1692.
- 33. ABIGAIL, 1698-1701.

28.

JOHN⁴ (John,³ Joshua,² Joshua¹) was a blacksmith like most of the family, and settled in the north part of the town near Castle Hill. An old cellar on the farm of Geo. W. Bruce probably marks the spot. A grant of twenty rods for building was made to the family in 1701,—evidently in this locality. He was admitted to full communion in 1710. He married in 1705 Abigail Smith (23), who died in 1725. John died in 1727, a few months before his father. The estate was settled in 1735. Children:—

- 34. SOLOMON, 1706-1706.
- 35. ABIGAIL, 1707-1711.
- 36. SARAH, 1709-1711.
- 37. ABIGAIL, 1711-1785; m. in 1731 John Plimpton (22); second, in 1771, David Clark (62).
- +38. JOHN, 1714.
- 39. SARAH, 1719-1756.
- 40. JOSHUA, 1725.

32.

JOSIAH⁴ (John,³ Joshua,² Joshua¹) settled in Dedham, now Dover, on the lower side of the corners near Farm Bridge. He married in 1716 Hannah Bullen (23), who died in 1765. Having no sons, he gave his place to his grandson, Fisher Allen (59). He died about 1781. Children:—

- 41. HANNAH, 1717-1792; m. in 1740 Seth Dwight (12).
- 42. MIRIAM, 1720-1757; m. Noah Allen (40).

38.

JOHN⁵ (John,⁴ John,³ Joshua,² Joshua¹) was also a blacksmith, and came into possession of the paternal estate by paying the other heirs their portion. He was only fourteen years of age when his father died, and his uncle Josiah of Dover was his guardian. His wife, married in 1736, was Dorcas Adams, daughter of Jonathan (19). He died in 1777, his widow in 1807. Children:—

- 43. ABIGAIL, 1737-1805; m. in 1768 Thomas Burrage of Dedham.
- 44. LOIS, 1739-1805; m. David Lovell (25).
- 45. KEZIA, 1742-1776; m. David Clark (152).
- 46. DORCAS, 1745-1815; m. in 1768 Nathan Harding (46).
- +47. JOHN, 1748.
- 48. SILENCE, 1755-1755.

47.

JOHN⁶ (John,⁵ John,⁴ John,³ Joshua,² Joshua¹) was called yeoman, though his inventory included a set of blacksmith's tools,

probably his father's. The estate is described as house lot forty-five acres, and twenty-five acres more north-west of the highway, with a blacksmith's shop upon it; also, one-third of a saw-mill. He married in 1771 Mary Clark (154), who died in 1820. He died in 1790. He was one of the selectmen in 1773, 1774, and 1776. Children:—

- +49. LUTHER, 1772.
- 50. CALVIN, 1774-1824; resided in Boston.
- +51. QUINCY, 1776.
- +52. JOHN, 1779.
- 53. NATHAN, 1781-1795.
- 54. ALPHIEUS, 1784; lived in West Boylston.
- 55. MOSES, 1787.

49.

LUTHER⁷ (John,⁶ John,⁵ John,⁴ John,³ Joshua,² Joshua¹) was a blacksmith, and lived in "dingle dell," at the homestead of his wife's father. His shop stood on the road leading thence to the town farm. His wife, married in 1796, was Lois Lovell (33). He died in 1818. Lois married a Mr. Holbrook of Bellingham, and died in 1848. Children:—

- 56. MARY, 1796-1796.
- 57. NATHAN, 1799-1825.
- 58. CZARINA, 1799; m. in 1820 William Messinger of Milford.
- 59. MARY, 1800-1852; m. in 1821 Warren Plimpton (130).
- 60. LOUISE, 1802-1879; m. in 1819 John Grant (1).
- 61. JOHN, 1805.
- 62. MINOT, 1807-1879.
- 63. CHARLES P., 1809-1809.

51.

QUINCY⁷ (John,⁶ John,⁵ John,⁴ John,³ Joshua,² Joshua¹) inherited a part of his father's homestead. He was a carpenter by occupation. He married in 1801 Ame Allen (91), who died in 1870, having survived her husband's death forty-six years. Children:—

- 64. AME, 1802-1802.
- 65. WILLIAM, 1803-1806.
- +66. WILLIAM Q., 1809.
- 67. AME A., 1811; m. in 1835 John Ellis (121).
- 68. MIRIAM, 1814-1815.
- 69. MIRIAM, 1816; m. in 1836 Henry P. Bruce (1).
- 70. JOHN, 1820-1820.

52.

JOHN⁷ (John,⁶ John,⁵ John,⁴ John,³ Joshua,² Joshua¹) lived at West Boylston when a young man, but returned and married Phebe Johnson (8) in 1806. He was a cooper by trade, and lived on the place his wife inherited from her mother, now owned by N. F. Harding. He died in 1841, and his wife the following year. Children:—

71. CLARISSA, 1800-1878; unmarried.
72. AMY; m. in 1833 Jonathan Gleason; died soon.
73. MARY, 1814; m. in 1837 Jonathan Gleason.
74. ABIGAIL, 1817-1820.
75. JOHN, 1824; died in California.

66.

WILLIAM Q.⁸ (Quincy,⁷ John,⁶ John,⁵ John,⁴ John,³ Joshua,² Joshua¹) resided on the homestead of his grandfather Nathan Allen. He married in 1841 Mary L. Harding (89), and died in 1886. Children:—

76. MARY A., 1841.
77. SARAH H., 1843; m. in 1876 George W. Bruce (4).

78.

OBED⁶ (Samuel,⁵ Samuel,⁴ John,³ John,² Joshua¹) was born in Medway in 1755. His mother was Ruth Wight (60). He married Catherine Hinsdale (36) in 1785, the only heir to her father's estate at the north part of the town, now owned by John G. Hutton. Obed Fisher enjoyed the confidence of his fellow-citizens to a large degree, and served frequently in important town offices. He was six years on the board of selectmen, and town treasurer for eight years. He was chosen deacon of the old church in 1795, a position which he held till 1825, when he resigned. He was one of the constituent members of the Orthodox church in 1828. His wife died in 1797, and he survived her forty-seven years, dying in 1844. Children:—

- +79. HINSDALE, 1786.
- So. CATHERINE, 1789; m. in 1808 Nathan Allen (93).

79.

HINSDALE FISHER succeeded to the possession of the estate as well as to the name of his grandfather Robert Hinsdale. He married in 1809 Betsey Ellis (86), who died in 1863. Like his father, he served often in town office; taught school in the North and South districts from 1808 to 1816; was on the board of selectmen eight years, town treasurer two years, town clerk nine years, and representative to the Legislature in 1843. He was a deacon in the church which his father assisted in organizing. He died in 1869.

81.

PAUL FISHER was the son of Joseph of Needham, and born in 1769. He married in 1793 Priscilla Mason (49), and lived on the place that had belonged to her father. He died in 1824, his widow in 1840. Children:—

82. CLARISSA, 1794-1851; m. in 1826 Amos Mason (76).
83. BETSEY, 1798-1881; m. in 1827 Amos Plimpton (129).
- +84. CALEB, 1799.
85. CAROLINE, 1801-1881.

84.

CALEB FISHER married in 1818 Eliza Plimpton (131). He died in 1828; and his widow married, second, Daniel Pond of Walpole; third, in 1838, Joseph Hardy. Children:—

86. MASON, 1819; resides in Fall River.
87. HENRY, 1823; resides in New Bedford.
88. GEORGE, 1826; resides in Hyde Park.

FISK OR FISKE.

BENJAMIN FISK married in 1674 Bethshua Morse (15). His pedigree is unknown. In 1675, Daniel Morse of Sherborn asked for four men to come from Medfield to help him against the Indians, two of whom were to be Edward West and Benjamin Fisk, his sons-in-law, "they living in the remote part of the town, next his farm." Fisk's homestead was that now owned by Mr. Taber. He died in 1689, his widow in 1737. The estate passed into the hands of his son-in-law Jonathan Plimpton. Children:—

2. LYDIA, 1675-1675.
3. MARY, 1677.
4. BETHIA, 1682-1740; m. in 1701 Jonathan Plimpton (19).
5. BENJAMIN, 1684.
6. MARTHA, 1685.

7.

JONATHAN FISKE was born in Weston in 1774. He was a tanner, came to Medfield about the year 1800, and bought of Oliver Adams the estate on Railroad Street, with the tanyards and buildings then belonging to it, which were located near the present crossing, where he carried on the tanning business. He was a deacon of the old church, and served the town as selectman for several years and as collector of taxes. His wife was Sally Flagg of Weston, born in 1773. Deacon Fiske died in 1864, and his wife in the following year. Children:—

8. SARAH, 1800-1878; m. in 1818 Francis D. Ellis (135).
- +9. GEORGE, 1803.
10. CLARISSA; m. in 1828 Phineas Allen (100).
11. AMOS F., 1805-1874; lived at Marlow, N.H.
12. ABIGAIL S., 1807.
- +13. ISAAC, 1813.
14. CHARLES A., 1816-1878; resided in Cambridge.

9.

GEORGE² (Jonathan¹) inherited his father's homestead, on which he resided, continuing the business of tanning for some years. He married in 1829 Amy P. Mann (12). He died in 1878, his wife in 1881. Children:—

15. ABBIE S., 1830-1862; m. in 1860 Francis Goodale of Marlboro.
16. ANNA M., 1831-1837.

17. ELIAS M., 1834-1837.
18. SARAH B., 1836; m. in 1864 Rev. James A. Laurie.
19. CLARISSA, 1839; m. in 1863 Granville S. Fletcher.
20. GEORGE M., 1842; resides at Auburndale.
21. CHARLES F., 1848; firm of Fiske & DeWolfe, Boston.

13.

ISAAC² (Jonathan¹) was well known as a merchant in this town, having kept the store on the corner of Main and North Streets for forty years. He served as representative to the Legislature; was town clerk from 1840 to 1853, and town treasurer from 1845 to 1880, with the exception of 1854-55. He was also the postmaster for many years, and filled many positions of trust besides those enumerated. He married in 1837 Mary Manson of Framingham, and he died in 1883. Daughter:—

22. ELIZABETH L., 1846-1877; m. in 1871 George S. Stone.

FRAIRY.

JOHN FRAIRY was one of the founders of Dedham. He came from England with his wife Prudence and one or more children, and was made a freeman in 1638. He was a cordwainer by trade, as we find on record a deed by which the grants of Edward Alleyne were conveyed to "John Frairy, cordwinder," in 1652, for the town of Medfield. He left Theophilus, who was probably his eldest son, in Dedham, and came with his remaining sons to this town among the first thirteen. The block of land included by North, Dale, and Frairy Streets was owned by Dwight and Frairy; Dwight having the part lying along North Street, and Frairy the remainder. His house, without doubt, stood not far from that now owned by heirs of Cyrus Stedman. He was a selectman in 1651, 1653, 1654, and 1661. By his will, he gave everything to his son Theophilus, except some small legacies to other heirs, and some lands to be divided between Samson and Eleazar. The house and house lot were given by Theophilus to the town and church in 1695. The house was torn down a few years after by vote of the town, and the proceeds were used to fence the lot. This was afterward divided between the town and the church, and a plan of it is inserted in the town records. The church had a long, narrow piece, next to Dwight's line: the town had the remainder.

John Frairy died in 1675, a few months before the burning of the town. Prudence died at the house of her son Theophilus in 1691, "aged above ninety." Children:—

2. THEOPHILUS. After residing a few years in Dedham, he removed to Boston, where he became a prominent citizen and a deacon of the Old South Church. He died in 1700.

+3 JOHN.

- +4. SAMSON.
- 5. ELEAZAR, 1639-1709; m. in 1666 Mary Graves of Hatfield, where he settled, and left a numerous posterity.
- 6. SAMUEL, 1641; probably died in infancy.

3.

JOHN² (John¹), doubtless born in England, came to Medfield with his father, and in 1656 married Elizabeth, widow of Abraham Harding (1), who had died the previous year leaving four children, and settled on the Harding homestead. He gave bonds in 1665 to pay the Harding heirs their portion. He died in 1670, and his estate was described as consisting of twelve acres of arable land and forty-one acres of pasture and meadow. This was divided among the Harding and Frairy children, and the homestead afterward came into possession of Henry Harding (10). There is an ancient pewter platter in possession of C. S. Fobes of Portland, Me. (who is a descendant), bearing an inscription stating that it was once the property of John and Elizabeth Frairy, and that it was thrown into the well during the Indian wars. Children :

- 7. THEOPHILUS, 1657; probably died in infancy.
- 8. HANNAH, 1659-1682; m. in 1676 Joseph Dyer of Weymouth.
- 9. PRUDENCE, 1662-1750; m. in 1679 Henry Adams (40).

4.

SAMSON² (John¹) married in 1660 Mary Daniel (6), and settled in the north part of the town, apparently a little way beyond the corner of North and Railroad Streets,—quite possibly at the foot of the hill, where traces of a house were visible till within a few years. He soon removed, however, to the Connecticut Valley, and became the first white settler of Deerfield. He and his wife were slain by Indians in 1704. The following children were born in Medfield, and went with their parents to Deerfield :—

- 10. MARY, 1662; m. in 1681 Jacob Root of Northampton.
- 11. MEHITABLE, 1664; m. Hezekiah Root of Northampton.
- 12. SUSANNA, 1668-1668; born in Hatfield.
- 13. JOHN, 1669.
- 14. NATHANIEL, 1675-1727; settled in Deerfield, where he left a family.

FULLER.

DR. JABEZ FULLER was the son of Isaac of Middleboro, born in 1723; he came to this town when a young man to practise as a physician. He was received to communion here, from the church in Bridgewater, in 1747. In the same year, the Boston records contain the marriage of Jabez Fuller of Medfield to Elizabeth Hilliard. In 1756, he bought the homestead of Timothy Metcalf, lying in "Dingle dell." The cellar of his house is yet visible. Of the two physicians then in town, one lived in Dingle

Dell and the other at the last house in Medfield, on the Dedham road. Dr. Fuller died in 1781, his wife Elizabeth in 1801. Children :—

2. JONATHAN, 1748.
- +3. JOHN, 1750.
4. ELIZABETH, 1752; m. in 1776 Stephen Dexter of Walpole.
5. JABEZ, 1753; served in the Continental Army, and afterward settled in Kingston.
6. THOMAS, 1755; was living with his father in 1775.
7. MARY, 1758-1822.
8. CATHERINE, 1760-1831.
9. SARAH, 1763; m. — Clark.
10. EXPERIENCE, 1766-1800; m. Timothy Dwight (14).

3.

JOHN² (Jabez¹) bought the rights of heirs in the farm that belonged to his father. He first married, in 1784, Martha Fuller of Halifax, who died in 1804; and he married in the same year Hannah Loyell (32). John had served in the Continental Army. He is remembered as a one-armed man. He died in 1830, having deeded his place to his wife Hannah. Prior to her death, in 1832, she conveyed it to her niece, the wife of John Grant. Children :—

11. MARTHA, 1785-1822.
12. NABBY, 1786; probably m. in 1814 Eben S. Peabody.
- +13. SAMUEL, 1788.
- +14. JOHN, 1792.
15. CHARLOTTE, 1796; m. in 1819 Benjamin Colburn of Ashby.

13.

SAMUEL³ (John,² Jabez¹) married in 1814 Mary Sparhawk of Sherborn, who died in 1816; second, in 1817, Jemima Cole. The family removed to Thomaston, Me. Children :—

16. ALBERT, 1814.
17. SAMUEL, 1816.

14.

JOHN³ (John,² Jabez¹) resided in this town for several years, though it does not appear that he owned estate here. He married Eleanor Hartshorn of Walpole; removed to Providence, where he died. Children :—

18. LEWIS; resides in South Boston.
19. HENRY; was secretary to General Butler in New Orleans, supposed to have died in the South.
20. CHARLES; settled in Oxford, Mass.
21. GEORGE; was in the cabinet-making business here a few years; afterward removed to Wrentham; died 1881.
22. ALBERT, 1824-1847. He was born in this town. He drove a stage between Boston and Woonsocket.

FUSSELL.

JOHN FUSSELL was in Weymouth in 1640. He came to Medfield with others from that place, and took his house lot on Bridge Street. His house appears to have been on a little knoll, near the meadows, on the farm belonging to heirs of Gershom Adams, where in recent years some traces of a house have been ploughed up. In 1663, his family consisted of three persons, his daughter Elizabeth, who afterward married Jonathan Adams, being then with him. Edith Fussell, wife of John, died in 1672. The death of John is recorded as having taken place Feb. 21, 1676. The History of the Indian Wars states distinctly that "John Fussell, an old man, near a hundred years old, was burned in his house." It has been thought that he resided with his daughter after the death of his wife, and that he perished in the burning of Jonathan Adams' house on the west side of the river.

GAIR.

REV. THOMAS GAIR, first pastor of the Baptist church, was the son of Angus and Lydia Gair, born in Boston in 1755. He was converted and baptized by Dr. Stillman in 1771. Desiring to become a preacher of the gospel, he fitted for college with his pastor, and entered Brown University, class of 1777. A few months before his graduation, he was ordained pastor of the Baptist church in Medfield, which was constituted in the same year. His wife was Rebecca Proud of Providence, married in 1776. He remained here ten years. A contemporary describes him thus: "That tall, thin figure, swayed by deep emotion, riveted the attention of an attached congregation. At their dwellings, they were equally delighted with the urbanity of his manners and the sweetness of his temper. The depth of his thoughts lost nothing in delivery by his full, well-modulated voice." In 1786, he was invited to the pastorate of the Second Baptist Church in Boston, but held the office there a short time only, being attacked by a sudden and fatal disease, called putrid fever, which grew worse day by day, until he died, April 27, 1790. He was very generally loved and respected in his new pastorate. At the funeral, the sum of two hundred dollars was collected for the widow and her five children, to which the congregation added the use of the house they then occupied. Mrs. Gair died in 1800.

Children:—

2. REBECCA, 1777-1777.
3. JAMES, 1778-1779.
4. JOSEPH, 1780.
5. WILLIAM, 1782.
6. THOMAS, 1784.
7. REBECCA, 1786; m. Mr. Russell, a retired sea-captain of Providence.
8. SAMUEL STILLMAN, 1789-1847; born in Boston. He was with Baring Brothers, London, when in middle life. He married in 1821 Elizabeth G. Wainwright.

GAMMELL.

REV. WILLIAM GAMMELL was born in Boston in 1786, and was the son of John and Margaret (Urann) Gammell. He received his early education in the schools of Boston. In 1804, he united with the First Baptist Church, then under the care of Dr. Stillman, by whose advice he decided to enter the ministry. He studied theology with Rev. William Williams of Wrentham, and was ordained at Bellingham in 1809.

His first settlement was in Medfield, and he commenced his ministry here in 1810. At that time, although the Puritan church system had been somewhat modified in its attitude toward those of different belief, its claims were still quite arrogant; and congregations that dissented from the views of the "standing order" were placed at great disadvantage. Even their right to exist was by no means well established, and they were very frequently reminded that they were in the midst of a hostile public sentiment. Notwithstanding these adverse influences, his ministry contributed largely to the growth of the church. He gave himself assiduously to his own work. He consecrated all his powers to the preparation of his sermons and the care of his congregation, by whom he was greatly beloved. He is described as a man of fine person, of winning address, and of great independence of character. During his stay, the church increased, not only in numbers, but in social and religious importance, it being the only Baptist church in a wide circuit of towns around Medfield.

The years which Mr. Gammell spent here form the period in which the benevolent societies of the denomination in New England had their origin. In the formation of these, he felt a lively interest and took an active part. His executive talent and aptitude for affairs were often put in requisition in these enterprises.

The only published production of his pen while a minister in Medfield was a discourse suggested by the death of Mrs. W. P. Balch. In 1817 he received the degree of M.A. from Brown University, and in 1820 was elected a member of its Board of Trustees.

In 1823, he accepted a call from the Second Baptist Church in Newport, R.I., and the same year removed thither, where he found himself in a much wider sphere of usefulness. He aided largely in the establishment of free schools, till then unknown in that town; and he was highly esteemed by all classes of the population. But before he had completed the fourth year of his ministry there he was stricken with apoplexy, and died in 1827, aged forty-one. He married in 1811 Mary Slocomb of Bellingham, daughter of Simon and Esther (Plimpton) Slocomb, and grand-daughter of Job Plimpton (30). She died in 1820; and he married second, in 1822, Maria A. Madey of Dedham, who died in 1844. Children:

2. WILLIAM, 1812; graduated at Brown University in 1831, and was a professor in the same college from 1835 to 1864; resides in Providence.

3. MARY M., 1814-1848.
4. ASA M., 1816; graduated at Brown University in 1841; resides in Providence.
5. JOHN, 1818-1877; died at Savannah, Ga.
6. MARGARET, 1822-1832.
7. REBECCA, 1825; resides at Warren, R.I.
8. ELIZA R., 1828-1828.

GERAULD.

DR. JAMES GERAULD was of Huguenot extraction, and is said to have been one of a family of twenty-one children who came from France. Two sisters of his died here in 1748. This name is variously spelled,—Gerould, Gerar, Jirauld, Jerauld, etc. He came to Medfield about 1718 with his wife and two or more children, and bought in 1721 the homestead of Joseph Adams, on what is now the Dedham road, a few rods beyond the stone mill. It is to be inferred that he accumulated property rapidly, from the fact that he was constantly buying up lands and houses. He died in 1760, aged seventy-three; and, in his will, he gave to his wife Martha the east end of the house and one-third of the buildings, also a house near the meeting-house with one acre of land, other property, including negroes, "excepting negro Cesar, who is not to be sold out of the family during his life." James and Dupee, "two youngest sons of my son James," are mentioned, also granddaughter Ruth Gerauld. Cesar Jero of Wrentham died about 1789, and Pompey Edes of Boston was his administrator. This was probably the "negro Cesar," who went with Gamaliel Gerauld to Wrentham. The house and land "near the meeting-house" passed into the possession of the daughters Hannah and Susanna, who sold a portion of it in 1765. From the description of it in the deed, it must have been west of the railroad crossing on Frairy Street. A house was standing in that location as early as 1704, owned by Henry Plimpton. Dr. Gerauld and his wife were received to occasional communion in 1750. Children:—

- +2. JAMES.
3. MARTHA; died in 1733.
4. GAMALIEL, 1719; settled in Wrentham.
5. STEPHEN, 1720-1785; m. Mary Smith (57), and lived in Dedham 1745-1764; afterward removed to Sturbridge.
6. DUPEE, 1723-1813; was a physician at East Greenwich, R.I.
7. MARY, 1725; m. in 1758 Jacob Spalding; settled at Providence.
8. JOANNA, 1728-1786; unmarried.
9. SUSANNA, 1730-1770; unmarried.

2.

JAMES² (James¹): nothing farther is known of him than what is stated in his father's will. Children:—

- +10. JAMES.
11. DUPEE; supposed to have settled in Rhode Island.
12. RUTH (probably); m. in 1769 John Salmon of Walpole.

10.

JAMES³ (James,² James¹) was also a physician, and succeeded to the estate and the practice of his grandfather. The date and place of his birth are unknown, and the only clew to his identity is the reference in the will of the old doctor, and a tradition that the second Dr. Gerauld was not a son, but some other relative of the first. His wife was Susanna Green of Providence, married in 1771, died in 1792, aged forty-one. He seems to have married a second wife, with whom and his daughter Mary he was baptized in 1801. Dr. Gerauld was moderator at town-meetings, delegate to the Convention at Cambridge in 1779, surgeon of the brigade in 1794, and served as a selectman six years. He died in 1802. Children:—

13. JAMES, 1773-1805; was a wild youth. Many are the stories among the old people about "Jim Geraul'." He asked help from the town during the last year of his life. Sowed "wild oats," and reaped a crop of the same. He had sold his rights at his father's death to the other heirs.
14. SUSANNA, 1775; m. in 1797 Seth Wheelock (48).
15. PATIENCE, 1777; lived with Mrs. Tristam Burgess, a relative in Providence; died there at advanced age.
16. SAMUEL G., 1779; administrator on his father's estate; was called "mariner"; died at Valparaiso in 1812.
17. PATTY, 1782.
18. HORATIO, 1786. In 1808-9-10, he taught school in Medfield. In 1807, he signed a receipt for \$15 "in part of a subscription made by the good people of Medfield to assist me under my present difficulties, late sufferings, and distresses." What the nature of his trouble was does not appear.
19. MARY, 1790-1790.

GILMORE.

MARCUS GILMORE, son of Andrew and Hannah (Makepeace) Gilmore, was born in Wrentham in 1797. He was a carpenter by trade, and came to Medfield about 1839. His first wife, Eliza Messinger, died about 1823; and he married, second, in 1824, Atarah Smith (135). He bought the house on South Street, near Elm, by the railroad crossing, where he resided until his death in 1865. Mrs. Gilmore died also in 1865. Children:—

2. ELIZA M., 1823-1856; m. in 1848 William R. Tibbetts.
3. HELEN R., 1825; m. in 1848 Waldo Daniels of Franklin.
4. ABIGAIL S., 1827-1859; unmarried.
5. MARCUS, 1829; m. in 1855 Abbie Hayford of Medway.
6. WILLIAM M., 1832; m. Anna Hoyt of Kingston, N.H., his present residence.
- +7. GEORGE M.

7.

GEORGE M.² (Marcus¹) was born in 1835, and married in 1863 Augusta N. Reed. Children :—

- 8. NELLIE F., 1864-1875.
- 9. CARRIE M., 1867; m. in 1885 Walter L. Smith.
- 10. CHARLES R., 1869-1875.
- 11. ALBERT E., 1876.

GLOVER.

HENRY GLOVER came from England about 1640. The record of his baptism is at Rainhill, Chester County, in 1603. He had land granted to him at Dedham, but joined the founders of Medfield, and took a house lot on North Street, opposite Pipe. He had a wife Abigail. No children are recorded here. He built a house, as we find by the inventory of his estate. He lived to occupy it but a short time, as he died in 1655. He saw only the rude beginnings of the new settlement. His widow probably removed from town.

GRANT.

JOHN GRANT was from York, Me. Being a carpenter, he came here at first to work upon the house that was built for Colonel Brastow. He married in 1819 Louisa Fisher (60), who came into possession of the Fuller homestead in "Dingle dell." He died in 1868, aged seventy-two. His wife died in 1879. Children :—

- 2. MARY A., 1820-1844; m. in 1843 James M. Ward of Newton.
- +3. WILLIAM M., 1822.
- 4. LOUISA, 1825; m. in 1846 Joseph W. Legalle of Dedham.

3.

WILLIAM² (John¹) married Rosilla Garfield of Waltham, who died in 1856. He resides in California. Children :—

- 5. ELLEN G., 1847.
- 6. SUSAN M., 1850.
- 7. MARY A., 1856-1857.

GROUT.

JOHN GROUT, blacksmith, was born in Sudbury in 1719. He married in 1752 Sarah Mason (32), and lived here from 1742 till 1759. His shop was on the west side of North Street, near Dale Street. His wife Sarah died in 1765; and, after two subsequent marriages, he died in Sherborn in 1796. Children :—

- 2. NATHAN, 1753.
- 3. SILAS, 1755.
- 4. ELIAS, 1757.
- 5. SARAH, 1759.
- 6. OLIVE, 1761.
- 7. ROYAL, 1763.
- 8. BELA, 1765.

GRUBB.

THOMAS GRUBB took the freeman's oath in 1634. Till 1652, he lived in Boston. At that date, he was accepted as a townsman here. His house lot was on the brook, near the corner of Main and Bridge Streets, his land being mostly on the south side of the way. The brook went by the name of "Grubb's brook" years afterward. He was a man of some note, a commissioner at least; served as a selectman in 1655. He left town about 1660, and his place was sold to William Cheney. A Thomas Grubb, shop-keeper, probably the same, died in Boston in 1673, leaving his property to the church in Boston, they to take care of his "poor wife and son."

HAMANT.

FRANCIS HAMANT is said to have come from Dedham, though there is no trace of him in the records of that town. When the house lots were taken up on South Street, Francis received his in that location. For some reason, he did not build his house there, but secured a small spot near the brook, where his house was erected some time subsequent to November, 1651, and prior to June, 1653,—probably during the summer of 1652. The home-stead has never been out of the possession of his descendants, and is now owned and occupied by F. D. Hamant. This is the only case of the kind among the first thirteen settlers.

He died in 1692, and his wife Sarah in 1708. Children:—

- +2. JOHN, 1653.
- 3. SARAH, 1655; m. in 1674 John Weeks.
- 4. MARY; m. in 1674 Michael Wilson of Wrentham.
- 5. HANNAH, 1660.
- 6. SAMUEL, 1663.
- 7. ELIZABETH; m. Jeremiah Morse (24); died in 1733.
- +8. TIMOTHY, 1667.
- 9. ABIGAIL; m. in 1708 Jonathan Lawrence (15). She received of her brother the year of her marriage the portion due from her father's estate.

2.

JOHN² (Francis¹) had by his father's will a lot of land at "planting field"; and, soon after, the town granted him a small spot "where his siller now stands." Later, he had another grant, "where his house stands." In 1702, a road is spoken of as being "near John Hamant's house, by his line over a stony brook toward rail-tree neck." The land which he received from his father was to go to Timothy, his brother, in case he should die without heirs. He died unmarried in 1708. His house stood, evidently, not far from that now owned by George D. Hamant on High Street. Perhaps the old cellar near by marks the spot, but it is uncertain.

8.

TIMOTHY² (Francis¹) owned the farm and house that had been his father's. He married in 1696 Milletiah Clark (36). He was chosen town treasurer in 1703, and held that office for several years. He died at Arrowsick in 1718; and his widow probably married, as second husband, William Partridge (5), and died in 1747. Children:—

- +10. TIMOTHY, 1699.
- +11. SAMUEL, 1701.
- 12. MILLETIAH, 1704; m. in 1728 Michael Metcalf of Medway.
- 13. MEHITABLE, 1706-1727.
- 14. ABIEL, 1708-1783; m. in 1734 Joseph Smith (46).

10.

TIMOTHY³ (Timothy,² Francis¹) was the successor on the old homestead. He married in 1727 Hepsibah Clark (55). Town office seemed to await him, commencing, as was customary even in those days, with that of hogreeve, about the date of his marriage; after which he served as a selectman five years, and as treasurer for the same length of time. He died in 1774. His wife survived him, dying in 1791. Children:—

- 15. MEHITABLE, 1728-1814; unmarried.
- 16. ELIAS, 1730-1730.
- 17. TIMOTHY, 1731-1731.
- 18. SETH, 1733-1771; settled in Sturbridge.
- 19. PATIENCE, 1735-; m. in 1762 Moses Smith (43).
- 20. TIMOTHY, 1736-1813; settled in Medway.
- 21. BASMATH, 1738; m. Nathaniel Walker of Sturbridge.
- 22. DINAH, 1739-1813; m. in 1766 Ephraim Chenery (13).
- +23. FRANCIS, 1741.

11.

SAMUEL³ (Timothy,² Francis¹) was a housewright by occupation. He shared with his brother in the paternal estate, but sold out his share in 1736, and bought of the heirs of Samuel Smith the place now owned by George D. Hamant. He married in 1728 Hannah Partridge (probably 26). Samuel died in 1755, his widow in 1780. Children:—

- +24. ASA, 1729.
- 25. SYBIL, 1731-1807; m. in 1751 Elisha Smith (53); second, in 1766, Noah Allen (40).
- 26. MELITIAH, 1732-1820; m. in 1757 Jacob Clark (148).
- 27. SARAH, 1734-1768.
- 28. HANNAH, 1736-1766; m. in 1757 Simeon Cutler (4).
- 29. SAMUEL, 1738; settled in Sturbridge.
- 30. { PETER, 1740-1740.
- 31. { JOHN, 1740-1740.
- 32. { JOSEPH, 1741-1741.
- 33. { BENJAMIN, 1741-1741.
- 34. JOB, 1742; settled in Sturbridge.

23.

FRANCIS⁴ (Timothy,³ Timothy,² Francis¹), having paid off his brother Samuel, became the sole owner of the ancestral place, where he spent his life. He married in 1771 Mary, daughter of Hon. Jeremiah Daniels of Medway. He died in 1808, his wife Mary in 1826. Children:—

- 35. MERCY, 1771-1868; m. in 1795 Moses B. Harding (72).
- 36. TIMOTHY, 1774-1847; m. in 1798 Priscilla Turner (67). His father set off a farm for him, and built a house upon it in 1806. He died without children, and gave the place to the nephew of his wife, Luther Guild of Chester, Vt.
- +37. DANIELS, 1777.
- 38. SETH, 1784-1812.

24.

ASA⁴ (Samuel,³ Timothy,² Francis¹) married in 1758 Peninnah Clark (135), and took up his abode with his wife's father, who had no sons. In 1774, he received from him a deed of the farm, house, barn, grist-mill, malt-house, and other buildings. At this time, his mother, now a widow, resided on the old place on High Street. After her death in 1780, Asa purchased of the other heirs their rights in that place, and settled his son Asa upon it. He remained with his son Charles at the Clark place. Peninnah died in 1778; and he married in 1784 Sybil Cutler (2), who died in 1796. He died in 1810. Children:—

- 39. PENINNAH, 1759; m. in 1783 Levi Daniels of Medway.
- 40. CHARLES, 1761-1832; succeeded to the possession of the estate at the grist-mill, which is now owned by George W. Kingsbury. He married Zilpah Turner (53) in 1807, but left no children. He was chosen sealer of weights and measures in 1795, and served on the board of selectmen eleven years. Clark Smith, his sister's son, became sole heir to his property. Zilpah died in 1846, aged eighty-three.
- +41. ASA, 1763.
- 42. ATARAH, 1765-1856; m. in 1782 Titus Smith (111).

37.

DANIELS⁵ (Francis,⁴ Timothy,³ Timothy,² Francis¹) was the next to come into possession of the original Hamant place. He married in 1804 Nancy Partridge of Walpole, who died in 1815; second, Patty Turner of Walpole. He served as selectman in 1815-16. He died in 1854, his wife in 1862. Children:—

- +43. CALEB S., 1805.
- 44. FRANCIS, 1807-1817.
- +45. DANIELS, 1811.

41.

ASA⁵ (Asa,⁴ Samuel,³ Timothy,² Francis¹) was settled by his father upon the place on High Street. He married in 1804 Polly

Draper of Dedham, who survived his death in 1843, and married John Clark of Medway. She died in 1862, aged eighty. Children :—

- 46. HANNAH, 1805; m. John Gould of Walpole.
- 47. EMELINE, 1807-1811.
- 48. POLLY D., 1810; m. in 1832 Daniel P. Russell (2).
- +49. CHARLES, 1812.
- +50. DANIEL D., 1815
- 51. LYDIA A., 1817; m. in 1841 William D. Rowe (1).

43.

CALEB S.⁶ (Daniels,⁵ Francis,⁴ Timothy,³ Timothy,² Francis¹) located near his father, and owned the house at the corner of South and Philip Streets. He became a large owner of real estate. He married in 1835 Drusilla Clark (254), who died in 1858. He was killed on the railroad crossing at East Somerville, in 1873. Children :—

- 52. NANCY A., 1837; m. Frank Colburn of Dedham.
- 53. WILLIAM, 1840-1866.
- 54. ABBIE, 1842; m. Thomas Trow of Hudson.

45.

DANIELS⁶ (Daniels,⁵ Francis,⁴ Timothy,³ Timothy,² Francis¹) lived on the original homestead. He married in 1836 Hannah Ellis (122). He occupied a place on the board of selectmen for nine years, and held various town offices. He died from the effects of a surgical operation in 1874. Children :—

- 55. MARY J., 1837; m. in 1872 William R. Smith (172).
- +56. FRANCIS D., 1839.
- 57. JULIA A., 1842-1869; m. in 1865 William R. Smith (172).

49.

CHARLES⁶ (Asa,⁵ Asa,⁴ Samuel,³ Timothy,² Francis¹) was engaged for many years in the profession of teaching; more recently, in insurance, as an auctioneer, and in transacting various legal business. He married in 1841 Mary Bosworth (4), who died in 1844; second, Harriet J. Hunt of Medway. Children :—

- 58. MARY B., 1843; m. in 1863 Willard Harwood of Boston.
- 59. ALICE E., 1850; m. in 1885 Henry W. Austin.

50.

DANIEL D.⁶ (Asa,⁵ Asa,⁴ Samuel,³ Timothy,² Francis¹) married in 1841 Cynthia Harding (84). For several years after his marriage, he resided at the north part of the town on the place that had belonged to his father-in-law, but more recently at the Hamant Place on High Street. Children :—

- +60. GEORGE D., 1842.
- 61. MARIETTA, 1844-1853.

56.

FRANCIS D.⁷ (Daniels,⁶ Daniels,⁵ Francis,⁴ Timothy,³ Timothy,² Francis¹) lives on the estate owned by his first Medfield ancestor, one of the very few estates that have remained to this time in the original name. He married in 1865 Eliza M., daughter of Jeremiah R. Smith (161). Children:—

- 62. GERTRUDE C., 1866.
- 63. NETTIE F., 1869.
- 64. DANIELS, 1873.
- 65. MARY E., 1879.
- 66. FRANCIS, 1881.

60.

GEORGE D.⁷ (Daniel D.,⁶ Asa,⁵ Asa,⁴ Samuel,³ Timothy,² Francis¹) lives on the place which Samuel³ bought in 1741, and which has been in possession of the family since that time. He married in 1869 Jennie A. Esty of Canton. Children:—

- 67. MARIETTA A., 1870.
- 68. GEORGE D., 1872.
- 69. DANIEL R., 1881.

HARDING.

ABRAHAM HARDING was in Braintree in 1648, and in 1653 sold his homestead there, after which he lived in Medfield. He is supposed to have been a son of John Harding of Weymouth. His house lot was on Bridge Street, where Mr. Chase now lives. He lived but a short time after coming here, dying in 1655. His widow married in 1656 John Frairy, Jr., and, after his death, Thomas Dyer of Weymouth. She died in 1678. Children:—

- +2. JOHN.
- 3. ELIZABETH; m. in 1667 Eleazar Adams (34).
- 4. MARY, 1653-1731; m. in 1674 Samuel Barber (5).
- +5. ABRAHAM, 1655.

2.

JOHN² (Abraham¹) married in 1665 Hannah Wood, daughter of Nicolas, of "the farms." She died in 1667, and he married in 1668 Elizabeth Adams (36). It is probable that he lived on the Bridge Street place till the Indian war, when all the houses in that quarter were destroyed. In 1677, he had a grant of "a small spot of land near Samuel Rockwood's house," which was apparently the nucleus of the Harding homestead on Railroad Street. He was a deacon of the old church, a selectman sixteen years, representative two years. He died in 1720, his wife in 1727. Children:—

- 6. HANNAH, 1666-1667.
- 7. ABRAHAM, 1667-1670.
- 8. JOHN, 1669-1670.

9. JOHN, 1671-1672.
- +10. HENRY, 1673.
- +11. ICHABOD, 1675.
12. ELIZABETH, 1678-1758; m. in 1696 John Dwight (4).
- +13. ABRAHAM, 1683.
14. HANNAH, 1686-1718.

5.

ABRAHAM² (Abraham¹) settled on the west side of the river. He married in 1677 Mary Mason (3), who died about 1694; second, Sarah —, who died in 1741. He died in 1734. Children:

15. MEHITABLE, 1684.
16. MARY, 1687-1725; m. in 1707 Ebenezer Daniel (16).
17. ELIZABETH, 1689-1708.
18. ABRAHAM, 1691; m. in 1715 Ruth Wight (31).
19. THOMAS, 1692-1754; deacon of Medway church.
20. JOHN, 1694; settled in Medway.
21. SARAH, 1696; m. George Fairbanks.
22. SAMUEL, 1698-1780.
23. HANNAH, 1700.
24. LYDIA, 1701; m. in 1728 Ephraim Partridge (18).
25. BATHSHEBA, 1704-1722.
26. ISAAC, 1706-1779.
27. ELIZABETH, 1708.
28. JOSEPH, 1711; settled in Wrentham.

10.

HENRY³ (John,² Abraham¹) came into possession of the original Harding place on Bridge Street. He was living there in 1722, and probably much earlier. His house was burned April 24, 1749. (See Penniman.) He married in 1698 Mary Allen, who died in 1723, aged forty-eight; second, in 1726, Sarah, widow of Mathias Evans. He died in 1764, and gave his estate to his daughter, Thankful Penniman, and her heirs. From his settlement, we learn that Asa Boyden made his coffin, Amos Plimpton dug his grave, Benjamin Hews "toled the bell," and David Wight furnished three pints of rum for the funeral. His widow died in 1769. Children:

29. JOHN, 1699-1699.
30. MARY, 1701; m. in 1720 Samuel Chickering.
31. THANKFUL, 1703-1794; m. in 1722 James Penniman (1).
32. { ABIGAIL, 1713-1713.
33. { HENRY, 1713-1713.

11.

ICHABOD³ (John,² Abraham¹) settled in the north part of the town, near the spot now occupied by the residence of R. W. Sherman. He married in 1699 Abigail Barber (18), said to be of Milton at that time. Her mother's relatives resided there. She died in 1713; and he married, second, in 1725, Sarah Ellis, probably widow of Joseph of Dedham, who had died in 1721.

Her maiden name was Heminway. Ichabod died in 1730, and his widow married John Fisher (6). John and Sarah separated, for a while at least; and, at her death, she was buried by the side of her daughter, wife of Samuel Ellis (11). Children:—

- 34. JOHN, 1704-1704.
- 35. BENONI, 1707-1707.

13.

ABRAHAM³ (John,² Abraham¹) inherited his father's place. He served in town offices frequently; was a trustee of the loan in 1721, and a selectman for eight years. He was also prominent in affairs connected with the settlement of Sturbridge, though he never removed thither himself. He married in 1706 Mary Partridge (10). He died in 1741, his wife in 1749. Children:—

- +36. MOSES, 1707.
- 37. MARY, 1709-1709.
- 38. ELISHA, 1711-1784; graduated at Harvard College in 1745; ordained minister at Brookfield in 1749.
- 39. JOHN, 1713; settled in Sturbridge.
- 40. CALEB, 1714; settled in Sturbridge.
- 41. STEPHEN, 1717-1717.
- +42. SIMON, 1719.
- 43. OLIVE, 1722-1747; m. in 1744 Joshua Bullard (31).
- 44. JABEZ, 1726; settled in Sturbridge.

36.

MOSES⁴ (Abraham,³ John,² Abraham¹) married in 1735 Mary Bullard, daughter of John of Medway. Her father's brother, Eleazar Bullard, died without children; and in 1748 Moses Harding and his wife Mary became owners of the estate. He served as selectman in 1749, 1755, and 1756. He died in 1777. His wife, who was one of the constituent members of the Baptist church, died in 1799, aged eighty-three. Children:—

- 45. ABIGAIL, 1736-1822; m. in 1772 Jonathan Allen (44).
- +46. NATHAN, 1738.
- +47. HENRY, 1740.
- 48. MARY, 1743-1776; m. Jesse Ellis (105).
- 49. OLIVER, 1753-1757.
- 50. OLIVE, 1758-1758.
- 51. OLIVER, 1760-1763.

42.

SIMON⁴ (Abraham,³ John,² Abraham¹) remained upon the homestead. He married in 1741 Patience Sabin (17), who died in 1751; second, in 1752, Mary Gardner, probably of Sherborn, who survived him, and married Caleb Leland of Sherborn in 1775. Simon died in 1768. He had held the office of selectman in 1753, 1764, and 1765. Children:—

- 52. SYBIL, 1742-1763.
- 53. ELIZABETH, 1744; m. in 1773 Henry Daniel of Medway.

- 54. PHEBE, 1746; m. in 1771 Abner Mason (38).
- 55. OLIVE, 1748-1757.
- 56. SARAH, 1755-1757.
- 57. SARAH, 1757-1759.
- +58. ABRAHAM, 1760.
- 59. ANNA, 1761.
- 60. MARY, 1763.
- 61. ICHABOD, 1765-1765.
- 62. SYBIL, 1767-1852; unmarried.
- 63. SARAH, 1769-1844; m. in 1794 Jonathan Wight (108).

46.

NATHAN⁵ (Moses,⁴ Abraham,³ John,² Abraham¹) married in 1768 Dorcas Fisher (46). His father had bought of Josiah Partridge the farm in the extreme north-east part of the town now or lately owned by John Newell, and Nathan settled upon it. He died in 1808, his wife in 1815. Children: —

- 64. NANCY, 1769-1851; m. in 1792 Oliver Cutler (13).
- +65. JASON, 1772.
- 66. MARY, 1774-1858; m. in 1817 Silas Adams of Medway.
- +67. OLIVER, 1776.
- 68. JOHN, 1779; settled in Dover.
- 69. CAROLINE, 1783-1863; m. in 1806 Obed Allen (92).

47.

HENRY⁵ (Moses,⁴ Abraham,³ John,² Abraham¹) inherited his father's estate, formerly Eleazar Bullard's. He married in 1766 Kezia Plimpton (60). He died in 1793, his wife in 1828. Children: —

- 70. ELEAZAR B., 1766-1773.
- 71. AMY P., 1768; m. in 1789 John Allen (72).
- +72. MOSES B., 1771.
- 73. KEZIA, 1775-1852; m. in 1801 Dr. Elias Mann (7).

58.

ABRAHAM⁵ (Simon,⁴ Abraham,³ John,² Abraham¹) inherited the ancestral place. He married in 1783 Hepsibah Prentiss of Sherborn, who died in 1842, aged eighty-four. He died in 1844. Children: —

- 74. ELIZABETH, 1784; m. in 1804 Horatio Adams of Medway.
- 75. CHARLOTTE, 1785-1789.
- +76. SIMON, 1790.
- 77. CHARLES, 1793-1854; m. in 1821 Sally Walker, who died in 1824. He served two years as selectman, and four years as town treasurer.

65.

JASON⁶ (Nathan,⁵ Moses,⁴ Abraham,³ John,² Abraham¹) inherited his father's place in the north-east part of the town, where

he spent his life. He married in 1801 Damaris Chenery (30), who died in 1849. He died in 1855. Children:—

78. NABBY, 1802-1802.
79. CAROLINE, 1803-1877; m. in 1825 Silas Boyden (73).
80. MOSES, 1804-1805.
81. JOANNA, 1808; m. in 1830 George M. Smith (139).
82. LOUISA, 1810; m. in 1836 Aurelius Tisdale.
83. ABIGAIL, 1813-1885; m. in 1836 Caleb Ellis (120).
84. CYNTHIA, 1815; m. in 1841 Daniel D. Hamant (50).

67.

OLIVER⁶ (Nathan,⁵ Moses,⁴ Abraham,³ John,² Abraham¹) married in 1808 Sarah French, daughter of Benjamin of Dedham. He died in 1822, his widow in 1877, aged ninety-six. Children:

- +85. NATHAN, 1809.
86. HENRY, 1811-1881; m. in 1842 Mary Russell (4); had one son, Joseph H., born in 1847.
87. SARAH, 1812; m. in 1841 William Forbes.
88. JOSEPH, 1814; resides in Weymouth.
89. MARY L., 1817; m. in 1841 William Q. Fisher (66).
90. HANNAH, 1820; m. Amos W. Shumway.

72.

MOSES B.⁶ (Henry,⁵ Moses,⁴ Abraham,³ John,² Abraham¹) was an active and prominent citizen of the town. He was named for Moses Bullen, and was brought up in his family, though not related to him. Being of unusual thrift and enterprise, he bought for \$5,000 of Moses Bullen, of Medway, the homestead estate left to the latter by Moses Bullen [see Moses Bullen] while without means to pay for it, and during the following year sold off enough timber, wood, and outlying land to pay for the whole. He purchased a lot of land in the middle of the town, lying along what is now Pleasant Street and including the spot on which the Second Congregational or Orthodox meeting-house now stands. He built the house on the west corner of Main and Pleasant Streets and also the building on the east corner, originally designed as a store, with shops above for tailor, shoemaker, barber, etc. He was among the persons prominent in coming away from the old church and in the formation of the Second Congregational Church, though never a church member himself. He and Noah Fiske owned the store at the corner of Main and North Streets, and finished off a hall in the upper story of the building for the use of the new society, who worshipped there for some time. Afterward, when the society desired a permanent meeting-house, he was largely instrumental in having it erected upon the present location, which was a part of his land, contributing freely to the purpose. He was a man of very pronounced views, was a strong anti-Federalist, and afterward a stanch Democrat, opposed to the Hartford Convention, and in favor of the war of 1812. He was a

man of simple habits, and much respected; was often called by his middle name; and "Squire Bullen Harding" is often mentioned by elderly people. He married in 1795 Mercy Hamant (35), who outlived him; and died in 1868, at the age of ninety-six. He died Sept. 7, 1850, aged seventy-nine. Children:—

91. ELIZA, 1797-1877; m. in 1817 Jonathan P. Bishop (1).

76.

SIMON⁶ (Abraham,⁵ Simon,⁴ Abraham,³ John,² Abraham¹) succeeded his father in the possession of the homestead in connection with his brother. He married in 1812 Polly Pratt, daughter of Daniel. He died in 1862, his wife in 1879, aged eighty-nine. Children:—

92. ELEANOR, 1812.
- +93. LORENZO, 1816.
94. ANGENETTE, 1824; m. in 1847 Perley Caswell.

85.

NATHAN⁷ (Oliver,⁶ Nathan,⁵ Moses,⁴ Abraham,³ John,² Abraham¹) married in 1841 Mary Harmstad (4). Of her father he had learned his trade of brush-making, which he followed for many years. The brush factory stood on the spot since occupied by his residence. His wife died in 1884. Children:—

95. NATHAN F., 1843; m. in 1869 Jennie Robie of Andover, N.H.
96. JOHN H., 1847; m. in 1871 Mary C. Ewer of Sandwich.
97. MARY E., 1851; m. in 1870 Josiah F. Chase.

93.

LORENZO⁷ (Simon,⁶ Abraham,⁵ Simon,⁴ Abraham,³ John,² Abraham¹) resides upon the place where five generations before him have lived. The estate has never been in the possession of any but the Harding family. He married in 1838 Hannah C. Kent of Ashford, Conn. Children:—

98. MARIA C., 1839.
99. AMANDA, 1840.
100. EMMA, 1849.
101. H. FRANK, 1854.

HARTSHORN.

MOSES HARTSHORN came to Medfield from Walpole as an apprentice. In 1750, he bought of Samuel Boyce forty rods of land, with a house and blacksmith's shop upon it. This place has remained in the Hartshorn family till the present time. He married in 1751 Elizabeth Smith (67), who died in 1782. He served five years as a member of the board of selectmen. He died in 1776. Children:—

2. ELIZABETH, 1753; died in infancy.
3. CALLE, 1755-1839; m. John Bullard (46).

4. ELIZABETH, 1757-1758.
- +5. MOSES, 1759.
6. OBED, 1761-1843; m. in 1790 Sarah Wight (109); lived in Dover. A son of his, Obed, died here in 1880.
7. ELIZABETH, 1763-1821; m. in 1783 Bela Bullen (45).
8. SARAH, 1765-1776.
9. CATY, 1768-1852; m. in 1791 Johnson Mason (44).

5.

MOSES² (Moses¹) inherited his father's place. He is known as "Captain Moses." He married in 1783 Catherine Clark (224), who survived him, dying in 1851. He died in 1826. Served as a selectman five years,— 1799-1803. Children:—

10. CLARISSA, 1784; m. in 1806 Joshua Murdock.
11. CHARLES, 1786-1788.
12. CATHERINE, 1788-1789.
- +13. WARREN, 1790.
14. CATHERINE, 1792-1860; m. in 1816 Samuel Johnson (17).
- +15. { JOSEPH, 1794.
16. { HANNAH, 1794-1880; unmarried.
- +17. CHARLES, 1797.
18. FRANCIS, 1800-1810.
19. MOSES, 1803-1803.

13.

WARREN³ (Moses,² Moses¹) was a blacksmith by trade, and bought in 1814 a part of the estate which had belonged to Ebenezer Clark, and which is still owned by his heirs. He married in 1814 Cally Clark (257). He died in 1870, his wife in 1877. Children:—

20. CATHERINE, 1815.
21. CALLY F., 1831; m. in 1850 Lowell Adams (111).

15.

JOSEPH³ (Moses,² Moses¹) became sole heir of his uncle Joseph Clark (226). He married in 1820 Lucinda Ellis, daughter of Joseph of Dedham, who died in 1851. He died in 1866. Served on the board of selectmen in 1838 and 1839. Daughter:—

22. CAROLINE L., 1831; m. in 1854 Francis S. Wight (166).

17.

CHARLES³ (Moses,² Moses¹) inherited the place owned by his father. He married in 1821 Ann P. Holbrook. He died in 1878. Children:—

23. ANN, 1822; m. in 1841 William H. Bullard (65).
24. CLARISSA, 1823; m. in 1843 Nathaniel H. Cheney.
- +25. MOSES, 1827.

25.

MOSES⁴ (Charles,³ Moses,² Moses¹) married in 1853 Abby L. Howard, who died in 1855; second, in 1858, Louisa C. Boyden (81), who died in 1873; third, in 1876, Hannah Curtis. Daughter:

26. ABBY A., 1855; m. in 1875 Elisha P. Bishop (6).

HARMSTAD.

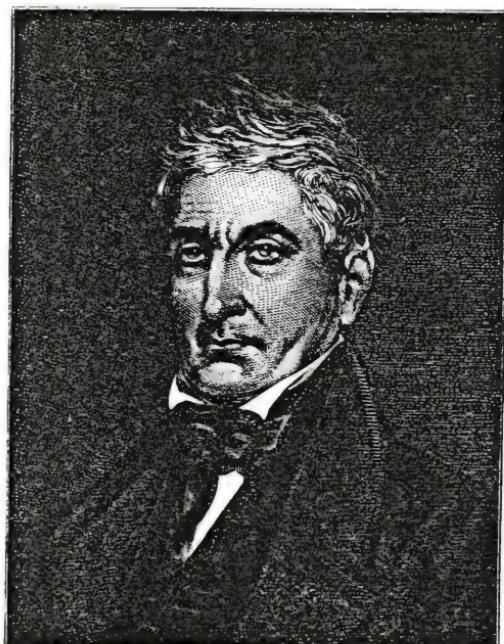
JOHN HARMSTAD was born in Philadelphia in 1780, son of Martin and Nancy Harmstad. He came to this town when a young man, to work at his trade of brush-making, or rather to assist Artemas Woodward in establishing that branch of business here. He married in 1808 Experience Breck (10), and set up his trade on his own account. His shop stood where the house of Nathan Harding now stands; and he lived in a part of the house owned at present by N. F. Harding, which he bought in 1811. He died in 1846, and his wife in the same year. Children:—

- 2. NANCY, 1808; m. in 1833 Bradford Curtis (1).
- 3. JOHN, 1810-1810.
- 4. MARY, 1811-1884; m. in 1841 Nathan Harding (85).
- 5. JOSEPH B., 1814; m. in 1846 Elizabeth A. Standen; second, in 1864, Frances C. Story of Syracuse.
- 6. LAURA, 1816-1855; m. in 1843 William P. Hewins (3).
- 7. JAMES L., 1818-1885; m. in 1843 Abby Stearns of Newton,

and had two children born here: Henry C., in 1844; and Georgiana, in 1845.

HEWINS.

DR. JAMES HEWINS was born in Sharon in 1782. He was of the fifth generation from Jacob of Dorchester (Joseph,⁴ Ebenezer,³ Joseph,² Jacob¹). Graduated at Harvard College in 1804, studied medicine with Dr. Richardson of Medway and Dr. Jeffries of Boston, and was a practising physician in this town for about forty years. He came here in 1807; purchased in 1811 the Fisher estate on



DR. JAMES HEWINS.

Main Street, opposite South. He married in 1814 Mary Peters (24). He died in 1846, his widow in 1876. Children:—

2. JAMES M., 1816.
- +3. WILLIAM P., 1819.

3.

WILLIAM P.² (James¹) married in 1843 Laura Harmstad (6), who died in 1855; second, in 1859, Margaret E. Wight (159). Children:—

- +4. JAMES, 1846.
5. MARY F., 1848-1877; m. in 1875 George F. Mayhew.

4.

JAMES³ (William P.,² James¹) was educated at Amherst College and Harvard Law School; studied law also with Hon. R. R. Bishop, and was admitted to the bar in Boston. He married in 1865 Jane G. Stedman (8). Children:—

6. WILLIAM P., 1866.
7. LAURA, 1867.
8. EDITH E., 1870.
9. MARY A., 1872.
10. JAMES, 1873.
11. AMY S., 1880.

HEWS.

BENJAMIN HEWS appears in town as early as 1749. Not much is known of him except that he was in straitened circumstances. The town allowed him to build a small house to live in upon the town land: it stood near the east corner of Dale and Frairy Streets. In 1758, the town assisted him by granting him £2. In 1760, he had £6. He died in 1773, and the family disappeared from town a few years afterward. The house remained on the original spot till 1800, when it was sold to be removed. It stood some years on the west side of Frairy Street, when it was again moved, and now stands in the yard belonging to the Derby heirs. Children:—

2. JOSHUA, 1749-1749.
3. JOSHUA, 1750; m. in 1773 Rebecca Baker (18). In 1775, he hired the town land for five years, which is the last mention of him, except his serving in the army in 1777.
4. MOSES, 1752; Revolutionary soldier.
5. ALPHEUS, 1753.
6. ZEPHANIAH, 1755; m. in 1778 Grace Connoly. He served in the Revolutionary war.
7. HANNAH, 1757.
8. BENJAMIN, 1759; joined the Continental Army at Fishkill, in 1778.
9. LYDIA, 1761-1762.

HILL.

JOHN HILL, son of John of Dorchester, came to "the farms" west of Charles River about 1658. Hannah, wife of John, died in 1690; and he appears to have married a second time, as at his death, in 1718, he left a widow Elizabeth. Children:—

+2. SAMUEL.

3. ABIGAIL, 1658; m. in 1678 Hopestill Leland.
4. JOHN, 1661-1738; m. Hannah Rockwood (11).
5. MARY, 1662; m. in 1698 John Ellis (2).
6. ELEAZAR, 1664.
7. JOHNSON, 1666.

2.

SAMUEL² (John¹), born in Dorchester, probably; settled in Medfield, now East Medway, near Sherborn line. He married in 1679 Hannah Twichell (4). "Deacon Hill" died in Medway in 1723. Children:—

8. SAMUEL, 1680-1680.
- +9. SAMUEL, 1682.
10. SARAH, 1684-1747; m. in 1710 Peter Adams (177).
11. EPHRAIM, 1688; m. in 1715 Hannah Sheffield; settled in Holliston.
12. JONATHAN, 1691.
13. HANNAH, 1694; m. in 1715 Thomas Harding (19).
14. MARIA, 1696.
15. DOROTHY, 1698; m. Jeremiah Hall.
16. LYDIA, 1701.
17. RACHEL, 1703.

9.

SAMUEL³ (Samuel,² John¹) settled in Medfield, west side. He married in 1706 Rachel Adams (175). He died in 1755, his wife in 1758. Children:—

18. SAMUEL, 1707.
19. JOSHUA, 1709.
20. RACHEL, 1711; m. Malachi Bullard.
21. EXPERIENCE, 1713.
22. EBENEZER, 1716.

23.

DAVID⁵ (Caleb,⁴ John,³ John,² John¹) was born in Sherborn in 1765; married in 1788 Lydia Cleaveland (6). After the birth of the first child, the family removed to the State of New York, where the rest of the children were born. After a few years, they returned to Medfield. David died in 1820. His widow married Nathan Turner of Walpole, and died in 1863. Children:—

24. CALEB, 1789; died young.
25. CALVIN; m. Betsey Bowker; second, Lydia Adams.
26. CHARLOTTE, 1797-1858; m. in 1818 Willard Allen (102).
- +27. CALEB, 1800.

- 28. LYDIA ; m. in 1824 Joseph Prince of Boston; second, Jesse Newell of Dover; third, James Buntin.
- 29. CORINA C. C. Went to Nashua, N.H.
- 30. HARRIET, 1791-1877; m. Ezra Leland.
- 31. HORACE, 1790-1878; m. in 1823 Sophia Beals of Medway.
- +32. DAVID, 1801.
- 33. HIRAM, settled in Medway.

27.

CALEB⁶ (David,⁵ Caleb,⁴ John,³ John,² John¹) married in 1821 Sarah Cole (24), who survived him, and married Josiah W. Alexander of Boston in 1833. Caleb died in 1824. Daughter:—

- 34. ABBY H., 1824-1869; m. in 1852 James A. Fairbanks (24).

32.

DAVID⁶ (David,⁵ Caleb,⁴ John,³ John,² John¹) was born in New York. He lived for some years in Boston, but returned to Medfield, where he died in 1875. He married Ann P. Blight. Children:—

- 35. ELIZA A., 1827-1851; m. in 1846 Eliphilet E. Kinsman.
- 36. HARRIET E., 1829; m. in 1855 Charles W. Reeves.
- 37. EDWIN W., 1838-1856.
- 38. MARY W., 1841; m. in 1866 William F. Abell.

HINSDALE.

ROBERT HINSDALE came to Dedham in the first or second year of its settlement. He was a freeman in 1639, and held town office the same year. He was among the first thirteen who took up house lots at Medfield; and his homestead was on North Street, the spot being now known as the Deacon Cummings place. The original well is still in use. In 1652, he had already built a house; and in 1655 he had a small piece of land granted to set his house on, probably at his "farm," which was described as lying on North Brook, east of the road leading to North meadow. This corresponds with the farm now owned by John G. Hutson and adjoining lands. In 1659, he purchased a bell, and "brought it up for the use of the town." The town, a year or two afterward, bought it of him, and gave him a grant of forty-six acres of land near what is now Collins' mill in Millis. Soon after, he built a mill there, which was undoubtedly burned by the Indians in 1676. The "place of Hinsdale's mill" is mentioned in the records. He was a member of Medfield's first board of selectmen, and held the office six years. He removed from Medfield to the Connecticut valley, exact date unknown; but we find in 1669 that his homestead on North Street was in the possession of his son-in-law Daniel Weld, and in 1671 the remainder of his lands here was disposed of. The first wife, Ann ——, died, date unknown; and he married, second, Elizabeth, the widow of John Hawkes. Robert, with three of his sons, was slain by the Indians in 1675

at Deerfield; and his widow in 1683 married Thomas Dibble of Windsor. Children:—

- +2. SAMUEL.
- 3. BARNABAS, 1639-1675; was in Hadley as early as 1666, in which year he married Sarah, widow of Stephen Taylor. He was killed at Bloody Brook, and left several children in Deerfield, where he last resided.
- 4. GAMALIEL, 1642; m. in 1672 Rachel Martin, who died in 1679. One son John died young. Gamaliel owned a house in this town. His grant of one-fourth of an acre seems to have been on the south side of Frairy Street, near the present railroad crossing. It is known that a small house was standing there in 1704. There is no record of his death; but in 1689 the town paid Joseph Bullard (next neighbor) 6s. for "tending Gamaliel Hinsdale," which was without doubt in his last sickness, as there is no further mention of his name.
- 5. MARY, 1644; m. in 1664 Daniel Weld; removed to the Connecticut valley.
- 6. EXPERIENCE, 1646-1676; m. in 1672 Mary Hawks, and settled in Deerfield. He was one of the guides at the "Falls fight," and is thought to have been slain there.
- 7. JOHN, 1648-1675; killed at Bloody Brook.
- +8. EPHRAIM, 1650.
- 9. ELIZABETH; m. in 1657 James Rising.

2.

SAMUEL² (Robert¹) married in 1660 Mehitable Johnson; removed to the Connecticut valley about 1666, and settled first at Hadley. Afterward, he removed to Deerfield, and was killed at Bloody Brook. Children:—

- 10. MEHITABLE, 1663; m. Obadiah Dickinson.
- 11. MARY, 1665-1738; m. in 1685 Thomas Sheldon.
- 12. ANN, 1666.
- 13. SARAH; m. in 1692 Samuel Janes of Northampton, and was murdered with her husband and three children by the Indians in 1704.
- +14. SAMUEL.
- 15. MAHUMAN, 1673; said to have been the first white male child born in Deerfield. He was taken captive by the Indians in 1709, but returned, and died in Deerfield in 1736.
- 16. JOHN; thought to have been a son of Samuel, as a single man of that name died in 1705.

8.

EPHRAIM² (Robert¹) married in 1676 Mehitable Plimpton (7). He resided in Deerfield and Hatfield, as the state of the country would allow, and died in 1681. His widow returned to Medfield soon after with her two little girls, and in 1691 married Joseph Cheney (9), who in his will mentions his "daughter Mehitable Hinsdale." Children:—

- 17. JOHN, 1677; probably died in infancy.
- 18. EXPERIENCE, 1679-1754; m. in 1704 Nathaniel Clark (9).
- 19. MEHITABLE, 1681; m. in 1706 Nathaniel Wight (27).

14.

SAMUEL³ (Samuel,² Robert¹) was probably born after the removal, as he is not recorded here. He evidently married Susanna Rockwood (12), though no record has been found. He died in Sherborn in 1694, and his widow became the wife of Deacon Ebenezer Thompson of Medway. Son:—

+20. SAMUEL, 1694.

20.

SAMUEL⁴ (Samuel,³ Samuel,² Robert¹) became heir to the estate of his grandfather Samuel Rockwood. In a deed given in 1719, as well as in his will of 1728, he calls him distinctly his grandson; and he made him his sole heir. He carried on the tanning business, and seems to have been in prosperous circumstances. He married in 1719 Abigail Gay, daughter of Jonathan of Needham. He died, without leaving a will, in 1731; and his widow married Jonathan Metcalf (16). Children:—

- 21. SUSANNA, 1721; m. in 1743 Nathaniel Smith (50).
- +22. SAMUEL, 1722.
- 23. MAHUMAN, 1724-1727.
- +24. ROBERT, 1726.
- 25. ABIGAIL, 1728; m. in 1745 Joseph Marsh.
- 26. MARY, 1730; m. — Hide.

22.

SAMUEL⁵ (Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Samuel,² Robert¹) was only nine years old when his father died, and was placed under a guardian. When he came of age, he took the homestead, and paid off the heirs. He seems to have been improvident; and the estate gradually slipped from his hands, until poverty took its place. He married in 1744 Esther Fisher of Wrentham, where he probably resided for a time. Esther died in 1773; and he married in 1777 Abigail Searls, who survived him, and lived in a little hovel that remained upon the old spot till her death in 1820. Both were supported largely by charity. He died in 1787. Children:—

- 27. KEZIA, 1745-1757.
- 28. ESTHER, 1747; m. in 1770 Joseph Turner of Dedham.
- 29. CALLE, 1749-1757.
- 30. CHLOE, 1751.
- 31. ABIGAIL, 1752-1759.
- 32. MAHUMAN, 1754-1757.
- 33. SAMUEL, 1756-1757.
- 34. KEZIA, 1758-1770.

24.

ROBERT⁵ (Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Samuel,² Robert¹) was a house-joiner by trade, and lived during the early part of his life in Medway. In 1751, he bought of Joshua Bullard and wife the

place that had been her father's, now owned by John G. Hutson. He married in 1753 Thankful Penniman (3). He held various town offices,—was sealer of weights and measures, coroner, and four years on the board of selectmen. He died in 1782, his widow in 1820. Children :—

35. SAMUEL, 1754-1754.
36. CATHERINE, 1755-1797; m. in 1785 Obed Fisher (78), who became heir to the estate.
37. GREGORY, 1764-1767.

HOISINGTON.

DENNIS HOISINGTON was born at Windsor, Vt., in 1816. He came to this town in 1841, and in the firm of Goddard & Hoisington commenced the manufacture of tin ware in a shop formerly owned by Artemas Woodward, near the Orthodox church. In 1843, they bought the building formerly used as a Baptist meeting-house, where they continued their business till 1849. After the dissolution of the firm, Mr. Hoisington carried on the business by himself. He married in 1846 Sarah S. Knapp of Cumberland, R.I. Children :—

2. WALTER D., 1847.
3. ANNA D., 1857-1859.
4. CHARLES S., 1861.

HOOKER.

HENRY HOOKER married Elizabeth Hilliard in Boston in 1708. He was here as early as 1713, one child, at least, having been born elsewhere. Hooker's house was in the north part of the town, on Pine Street: the site of it, is still visible. His first wife died in 1762; and he married, the following year, Widow Phebe Anchor, probably of Medway. No record of his death has been found. A Widow Hooker died in Sturbridge in 1795, aged ninety, probably widow of Henry. Children :—

2. HENRY; supposed to be of this family; married in 1733 Mary Parker of Needham. In 1756, Henry Hooker of Medfield married Mary Bullard of Dedham; removed to Sturbridge.
3. JOHN, 1713; m. in 1740 Martha Partridge of Medway, where he resided till about 1760, when he removed to Medfield. In 1762, he sold his place on Green Street, and removed to Rutland. He had served in the French war from Medway, but in 1779 was cared for by this town.
- +4. WILLIAM, 1716.
5. PHILIP, 1718.
6. SAMUEL, 1725-1746; died at Cape Breton.

4.

WILLIAM² (Henry¹) married Tabitha Clark (75), who died in 1747; second, in 1750, Abigail Evans of Dedham, who died in

1803. He owned for a while the place where Mr. Rhodes now lives, on South Street, which he sold in 1762 to John Thebault. The same year, he sold land adjoining his father, at the north part of the town. He owned a small house near Castle Hill from 1798 till 1803, when he removed to Franklin, where he died in 1806, aged ninety. Children :—

7. PHILIP, 1742-1760; was a soldier in the French war.
8. TABITHA, 1744; m. Oliver Chickering in 1772.
9. ZIBEON, 1751; m. Sarah Barber (40); resided in Sherborn.
10. MARY, 1753.
11. CATHERINE, 1755.
12. ABIGAIL, 1758.
13. WILLIAM, 1761.
14. PHILIP, 1764-1783.
15. OLIVER, 1768.
16. LUCY; m. Elisha Broad.

HUTSON.

JOHN G. HUTSON, son of Thomas B. and Elizabeth (Morse) Hutson, was born in Concord in 1824. He came to Medfield in 1833, and lived with Deacon Hinsdale Fisher. He married in 1856 Emeline Howard of Leicester, who died in 1885. Deacon Fisher having no children, in 1866 Mr. Hutson succeeded to the possession of his farm, tendering him a life support. Children :—

2. SARAH E., 1857; m. in 1879 Jervis E. Horr of Boston.
3. HERBERT W., 1858.
4. DEXTER H., 1863-1863.

JANES.

WALTER JANES was born in Dedham in 1802. In the earlier part of his life, he engaged in mercantile pursuits in Boston. He married in 1824 Lucretia Richardson of Billerica, who died in 1833; second, in 1835, Evalina Smith (199). After his second marriage, he resided in this town, and was frequently employed as a teacher of public schools. In 1853, he established a manufactory of straw goods, which business, under his own name, and afterward in the firm of Janes & Curtis, he continued to the time of his death. His second wife died in 1856; and he married, third, Catherine Guild of Rockingham, Vt. He owned the house on North Street, east side, near the brook; and his business was conducted in a building which stood on the site of the present straw-shop. He held the office of postmaster from 1853 to 1862. He died in 1867. Children :—

2. LUCRETIA R., 1826-1879; m. in 1848 Henry S. Brown.
3. ELVIRA, 1827; m. John F. Balch (17).
4. MARGARET R., 1829.
5. CHARLES W., 1858.
6. WILLIAM H., 1860.
7. CARRIE B., 1865.

JOHNSON.

DR. RETURN JOHNSON probably came to Medfield about 1679. He married Mary Johnson at Andover in 1673; took the oath of allegiance there in 1678. In 1680, Medfield granted to Return Johnson "that land formerly granted to Joseph Warren on conditions." It lay on the east side of North Street, opposite Dale Street, where Mr. Pfaff's mansion now stands. The "conditions" were that Warren should clear it of bushes in four years, which it seems he failed to do. He was, as far as known, the first resident physician. His wife Mary was a member of the church in full communion at the time of Mr. Baxter's settlement. He died in 1707. The death of his widow is not recorded, but was probably about 1713. Children:—

2. MARY; married, first, — Arnold, by whom she had one daughter, Mary, who became the wife of Thomas Mason (12); second, Captain Samuel Sadey. In 1710, Mary Sadey of Chelmsford bought all the interest of the other heirs in Dr. Johnson's estate, where she afterward resided with her husband. She died in 1763. Captain Sadey died in 1744, aged sixty-four.
3. ELIZABETH, 1681; m. Jeremiah Plimpton (20); went to Canterbury, Conn.
4. JEMIMA, 1683; m. John Pelton in 1704; settled in Canterbury.
5. SARAH; m. in 1710 John Allen.
6. ROGER, 1696-1697.

7.

JOSEPH JOHNSON was from Holliston, born in 1731. He married as second wife, in 1780, Kezia, widow of Jesse Pratt (22). For a few years, they lived out of town, where some of the children are recorded; afterward came to Medfield, and lived on the place that had belonged to Pratt, now owned by N. F. Harding. He was received to full communion here from the church in Holliston in 1795. He died in 1805, his wife in 1800. Children:—

8. PHEBE, 1782-1842; m. in 1806 John Fisher (52).
9. JESSE, 1784-1805; m. in 1805 Sibyl Corson, by whom he had one child, which died in infancy. His widow afterward married Josiah Cheney (55).
10. ELEAZAR, 1787.
11. KEZIA, 1795.

12.

ENEAS JOHNSON was a son of Joseph (7), by first wife, Mercy Cozzens of Sherborn, born in Holliston in 1769. He married in 1801 Sarah, widow of Oliver Allen (71); died in Holliston in 1805. Son:—

- +13. OLIVER, 1802.

13.

OLIVER³ (Eneas,² Joseph¹) was a harness-maker by occupation, and lived in Medfield. He married in 1825 Hannah Cass of Mendon. He died in 1835, his widow in 1845. Children:—

- 14. MILLETIAH T., 1826-1870; m. in 1847 Benjamin J. Babcock (4).
- 15. NATHAN A., 1829; resides in Norwood.
- 16. SARAH A., 1835-1848.

17.

SAMUEL JOHNSON was from Ashford, Conn., born in 1784. He was a stage-driver on the Boston and Hartford turnpike for some years. He married in 1812 Betsey Fisher of Medway, who died in 1814; second, in 1816, Catherine Hartshorn (14). He bought in 1822 the tavern of David Fairbanks, where the town hall now stands, which he kept till shortly before his death. He served as selectman eight years. He died in 1840, his widow in 1860. Children:—

- 18. SARAH A., 1812; m. in 1834 Sabin Smith (156).
- +19. SAMUEL, 1814.
- 20. CATHERINE, 1818-1838.
- +21. MOSES H., 1820.
- 22. BETSEY, 1822; m. in 1846 Alfred E. Sloan of Syracuse, N.Y.
- +23. RALPH, 1827.

19.

SAMUEL² (Samuel¹) married in 1838 Frances Thayer of Winchester, N.H., who died in 1883. He died in 1885. Children:—

- 24. SAMUEL, 1842; m. in 1878 Euphrosina L. Tubbs.
- 25. CATHERINE, 1844-1848.
- 26. JOSEPH M., 1850; m. in 1874 Ellen M. Woods (7).
- 27. FRANCIS T., 1852.

21.

MOSES H.² (Samuel¹) married in 1843 Lucretia Chenery (62), who died in 1866; second, in 1867, Emma F. Berry of Malone, N.Y. Children:—

- 28. LUCRETIA M., 1845.
- 29. MOSES H., 1847-1848.
- 30. CATHERINE E., 1849-1850.

23.

RALPH² (Samuel¹) married in 1854 Emeline Reed of Nashua, N.H. He died in 1882. Children:—

- 31. EMELINE F., 1856.
- 32. FLORA B., 1862-1864.
- 33. CHARLES W. R., 1869-1875.

KINGSBURY.

AMOS KINGSBURY, born in 1759, son of Nathan of Walpole, came to Medfield, and married in 1785 Molly, widow of Joseph Cole (6) and daughter of Amos Plimpton (48), at whose homestead he resided. His first wife died in 1813; and he married, second, Mary Richardson of Billerica, who died in 1835, aged sixty-one. He married, third, the widow of Stephen Tilden (1), in 1836. He died in 1842. Children:—

- +2. JOHN, 1785.
- 3. HENRY R., 1817-1834.
- 4. MARTHA E., 1819-1835.

2.

JOHN² (Amos¹) married in 1807 Polly Allen (76). He lived on the place at Noon Hill, now owned by Mr. Holt, where he spent the most of his life. He died in 1863, his wife in 1855. Children:—

- +5. AMOS P., 1808.
- +6. JAMES A., 1810.
- +7. WILLIAM, 1812.
- +8. JOHN, 1814.
- +9. HORACE, 1817.

5.

AMOS P.³ (John,² Amos¹) came into possession of the house and estate of his uncle John Allen (78). He married, first, Almira Williamson of Marshfield, who died in 1849, aged forty-two; second, in 1850, Lucy, daughter of Chenery Clark (239). He died in 1882. Children:—

- +10. GEORGE W., 1838.
- 11. FRANCIS W., 1852-1856.

6.

JAMES A.³ (John,² Amos¹) inherited the homestead of his grandfather James Allen (49), whose name he bore. He married Mary A. Morse of Wrentham; died in 1867. Children:—

- 12. ALLEN ALONZO, 1840-1862; was killed in a charge upon a rebel earthwork at Yorktown, Va., April 26, 1862.
- 13. HERBERT A., 1844.
- 14. CLARENCE, 1848.
- 15. LEANDINE A., 1854; m. in 1871 Frank G. Rhodes.

7.

WILLIAM³ (John,² Amos¹) inherited the estate of his grandfather on Main Street. He married in 1842 Caroline Knapp of Woonsocket. Children:—

- 16. SARAH E., 1843.
- 17. W. EDGAR, 1848; m. in 1880 Isabel F. Whiting of Franklin.

8.

JOHN³ (John,² Amos¹) married in 1843 Caroline Ward of Weston. Son :—

18. WARREN EDDY, 1856; m. in 1881 Mary Southard.

9.

HORACE³ (John,² Amos¹) married in 1840 Elizabeth M. Bird. Children :—

- 19. Infant, 1840-1840.
- 20. MARTHA E., 1842; m. Joseph Morse.
- +21. GEORGE W., 1845-1865; enlisted in the army, and died of disease contracted in camp.
- 22. ELLEN F., 1848; m. Joseph Richardson.

10.

GEORGE W.⁴ (Amos P.,³ John,² Amos¹) married in 1859 Olive A. Smith (164). Children :—

- 23. ALLEN A., 1865.
- 24. WALDO E., 1868.

LANE.

ISAAC C. LANE, son of Benjamin and Lucy (Stetson) Lane of Scituate, was born in Sudbury in 1806. He married in 1832 Harriet Morse of Walpole. He resided in Waltham till 1852, when he purchased the place in the north part of the town formerly owned by Joseph Perry and by Amos Wight, at which he lived till his death in 1880. Children :—

- 2. MARY H., 1834-1851.
- 3. SARAH E., 1835-1873.
- 4. LUCY A., 1838; m. in 1864 John W. Lincoln.
- 5. ALBERT C., 1843-1845.

LAWRENCE.

ELIHU LAWRENCE, probably son of John of Wrentham, born in 1754, came from Walpole to this town in 1782. He bought an old house in the south part of the town, where Mr. Quincy now lives. His wife was Tamar Cheney (61). He died in 1817, his widow in 1848. Children :—

- 2. GEORGE A., 1779.
- 3. LEVI C., 1781.
- 4. PATTY, 1783-1810.
- 5. ELIHU, 1785. He owned a house west of Long Causeway in 1813.
- 6. DELANY, 1787. Her intention of marriage with George Bird of Boston was recorded in 1808.
- 7. ARAMINTA, 1789.
- 8. ROXA, 1792-1816; died at the birth of a child, named Roxanna Wight.

- 9. POLLY, 1795-1873; m. in 1836 George Newell (1).
- +10. TIMOTHY, 1797.
- 11. ARDILLA, 1799-1833.
- 12. CATY.
- 13. RICHARD; removed to Maine.

10.

TIMOTHY² (Elihu¹) married in 1841 Maria Lane. Daughter:—

- 14. SUSAN, 1841; m. in 1866 David Allison of Groton.

15.

JONATHAN LAWRENCE was the son of Peleg of Groton and wife Elizabeth Morse (22), and was born in 1679. He married in 1709 Abigail Hamant (9). Soon after 1720, the "widow Abigail Lawrence" received a grant of a small piece of land at "rail-tree neck." The house must have been near the South School-house, not far from the Walpole road. Abigail died here, but the date of her death is obliterated. Son:—

- 16. JONATHAN, 1712; born in Natick; married in 1738 Hannah Robbins of Walpole. He lived on his mother's place for a few years. In 1748, he had leave "to cut a few trees near Samuel Hamant's that shade his land." About 1761, he sold his land to Asa Hamant and his house to Samuel Smith. Four children are recorded: Jonathan, 1739; Abigail, 1742; Mary, 1745-1749; William, 1748. He is said to have gone to Nova Scotia, where he died; and his widow Hannah returned to Walpole, where she was supported by the town.

LOVELL.

ALEXANDER LOVELL came to Medfield with the colony of Weymouth and Braintree men about 1652. Nothing is known of him previously. He was a single man when he came, and was married to Lydia Albee (5) in 1658, by Magistrate Atherton of Dorchester. She died in 1661; and he married, second, it has been said, Lydia, daughter of Hopestill Leland. His house lot was on Bridge Street, near that now owned and occupied by Charles Russell. He had a grant of a piece of land to build his house upon in 1658; also, of "cedar timber to shingle it." He died in 1709, his wife in 1700. He was one of those who were burned out by the Indians in 1676. His will, made in 1701, states that he was at that time eighty-two years of age. Children:

- 2. ALEXANDER, 1660-1661.
- 3. LYDIA, 1664-1664.
- 4. LYDIA, 1665-1694; m. 1688 Joseph Ellis (6).
- 5. SARAH, 1667; m. in 1700 Samuel Gary of Woodstock.
- 6. NATHANIEL, 1669-1669.
- +7. ALEXANDER, 1671.
- +8. NATHANIEL, 1672.
- 9. DEBORAH, 1675-1740; m. Samuel Ellis (56).

7.

ALEXANDER² (Alexander¹) retained possession of the old homestead on Bridge Street. It is described in his father's will as containing seventeen acres, lying on both sides of the way, the house being on the north side. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Dyer of Weymouth and wife Hannah Frairy (8), who received by her father's will all his lands in Medfield. She died in 1747, aged sixty-seven. Alexander gave the homestead to his son David, and mentions, with his other children, "my poor daughter Deborah." What occasioned the expression is unknown. In 1700, he bought one-half of a saw-mill on North Brook of Eleazar Ellis. He died in 1751. Children:—

- 10. HANNAH, 1702; m. in 1737 David Smith (47).
- 11. MARY, 1704; m. in 1723 Solomon Clark (60).
- 12. MEHITABLE, 1706; m. in 1726 Jonathan Boyden (16).
- 13. JOSEPH, 1708; dismissed to Medway church in 1748.
- 14. RACHEL, 1710-1778; m. in 1735 Nathaniel Eames of Framingham.
- +15. DAVID, 1712.
- 16. JONATHAN, 1714; m. in 1738 Mary Cheney (27); settled in Holden.
- 17. LYDIA, 1718-1755; m. in 1736 James Plimpton (23).
- 18. JOHN, 1720-1723.
- 19. DEBORAH, 1724-1792.

8.

NATHANIEL² (Alexander¹) had built a house before his father's death, and it stood near the site of the present almshouse. He married in 1696 Abigail Davis, according to the Dedham records; but, in our records, his wife is constantly called Elizabeth. By his will, he gave his estate to his son Hopestill. His death occurred in 1731, that of his wife in 1744. Children:—

- 20. ELIZABETH, 1698; m. — Hartshorn.
- 21. MICHAEL, 1700; settled in Medway.
- 22. LYDIA, 1703-1774; m. in 1740 Ezekiel Adams (137).
- +23. HOPESTILL, 1711.
- 24. NATHANIEL, 1715-1736.

15.

DAVID³ (Alexander,² Alexander¹) lived on the original Lovell place on Bridge Street. He married in 1735 Hannah Adams (52), who died in 1736. Her child died the same year. His second wife was Hannah Harding of Medway, married in 1738. She died in 1785; and he married a third wife, Silence —, who died in 1793. David served as selectman in 1757, 1758, and 1762. He died in 1807, aged ninety-five. Children:—

- +25. DAVID, 1739.
- 26. NATHAN, 1743-1760; died at Ticonderoga.
- +27. DYER, 1749.
- 28. ALEXANDER, 1754-1756.

23.

HOPESTILL³ (Nathaniel,² Alexander¹) married in 1747 Lydia Metcalf of Medway, and in the following year was dismissed to the church in Medway, where he lived for a few years. His house is said to have been burned in 1753, whether in Medfield or Medway is not stated. After that, he lived in this town, on the spot where his father had lived before him. He died in 1776. His wife Lydia married, as her second husband, Jonathan Day of Dudley, and died about 1782. Hopestill was drafted into service in the French war from Medway. Children :—

- 29. NATHANIEL, 1747-1824; settled in Medway.
- 30. MOSES, 1750-1755; born in Medway, but died after the family returned to Medfield.
- +31. MOSES, 1756.

25.

DAVID⁴ (David,³ Alexander,² Alexander¹) lived in Dingle Dell, at what is now called the Grant place. He married Lois Fisher (44), who died in 1805. He died in 1802. Children :—

- 32. HANNAH, 1766-1832; m. John Fuller (3).
- 33. LOIS, 1769-1848; m. Luther Fisher (49); second, — Holbrook of Bellingham.
- 34. OLIVE, 1771; m. in 1793 Timothy Hill of Sherborn.
- 35. NATHAN, 1773-1790.
- 36. DORCAS, 1776-1813; m. in 1805 Jesse Ellis (108).

27.

DYER⁴ (David,³ Alexander,² Alexander¹) inherited the original homestead. He married in 1774 Abigail Chickering. He died in 1818, his wife in 1829, aged eighty. Children :—

- 37. { ABIGAIL, 1775; m. in 1799 Alexander Eames of Framingham.
- 38. { MARY, 1775-1866; unmarried.
- 39. BETTY, 1778-1860; m. in 1803 Jotham Fairbanks (19).
- 40. CHARITY, 1781-1856; m. in 1806 Arnold Russell (1).

31.

MOSES⁴ (Hopestill,³ Nathaniel,² Alexander¹) succeeded his father in the possession of what is now the town farm. His house and barn were set on fire and consumed in July, 1796. He remained in town a few years after this, serving as a selectman in 1798. He rebuilt his house and barn, though not precisely where they originally stood. He is said to have removed to Medway. His wife was Mary Chickering, married in 1781. Children :—

- 41. LYDIA, 1782.
- 42. MOSES, 1784.
- 43. HORATIO, 1786.
- 44. TIMOTHY, 1788.
- 45. JOSEPH, 1794.
- 46. MARY A., 1800.

47.

HOPESTILL⁵ (Nathaniel,⁴ Hopestill,³ Nathaniel,² Alexander¹) was born in Medway in 1782. He came to Medfield, and bought in 1824 the place now owned by William Forbes, where he lived till the time of his death in 1850. His wife was Prudence Clark, daughter of John of Sherborn. She died in 1874, aged eighty-six. They left no children.

LOWTHAIN.

DR. THOMAS LOWTHAIN died here in 1749. This is all the information given of him in our records, except that he was born in Pereth, Cumberlandshire, England. The probate records of Suffolk County speak of him as a physician, and recently of Penrith, Cumberland County, Great Britain. His inventory includes some personal property and implements necessary in his profession, but no real estate. How long he had been here is unknown. No tradition of him among the oldest people has been discovered.

MANN.

RICHARD MANN was born in 1711, son of Samuel of Wrentham; recorded in Dorchester, and came to Medfield about 1739. In the same year, he bought a small piece of land at the corner of South and Main Streets,—two rods in width on Main Street and two and a half rods on South Street. On this he built his saddler's shop. In 1753, he enlarged his purchase by twenty links on Main Street and thirteen rods and a half on South Street. He married Sarah Sabin (15), who died in 1748. He survived her forty-three years, but never remarried. Children:—

- 2. ELIAS, 1741-1746.
- 3. OLIVE, 1742-1758.
- 4. ZEPHANIAH, 1744-1745.
- 5. SABIN, 1745-1747.
- +6. SABIN, 1747.

6.

SABIN² (Richard¹) resided with his father until 1777, when he bought of Samuel Morse the place now owned by W. R. Smith. He kept a tavern there for some years, and became a large owner of real estate. Was captain of a company in Colonel Wheelock's regiment in the Continental Army. He married in 1775 Hannah Plimpton (76), who died in 1782. His second wife was Mary Stearns of Attleboro, married in 1785. He died in 1800, and requested to be buried in the lot back of the house, as he said, to watch Charles Hamant when he took toll at his grist-mill, near by. His widow died in 1819. Children:—

- +7. ELIAS, 1778.
- 8. OLIVE, 1780-1780.
- 9. SARAH, 1781-1834; m. in 1795 Walter Bradford from Rehoboth. He resided here till 1808.

7.

ELIAS³ (Sabin,² Richard¹) graduated at Harvard College in 1800, and studied medicine. He practised a few years in this town, living at the place his father had owned. He was said to be a young man of promise, but died in 1807, at the age of twenty-eight. He married in 1801 Kezia Harding (73), who survived him fifty-one years, dying in 1858. The family retained possession of the homestead for many years, after which it was sold to Benjamin Chenery. Children:—

10. ANNA, 1801-1881; m. in 1829 Noah Fisk of Dover.
11. HANNAH, 1803-1871; unmarried.
12. AMY, 1805-1881; m. in 1829 George Fiske (9).

13.

RUFUS MANN was born in Wrentham, in 1755, son of Ezra. He was a blacksmith by trade, and while he lived in this town owned various pieces of real estate. In 1782, he sold the estate at the corner of Main and South Streets, which had previously belonged to Richard Mann, to David Onion. It is described as containing one-fourth of an acre, with a house and barn. In 1790, he sold a blacksmith shop to Oliver Cutler, which he had built on or near the place owned by his father-in-law. He married in 1781 Sibyl Allen (66). After 1814, the family resided out of town. Children:—

14. SARAH, 1782; m. in 1807 Daniel Everett of Foxboro.
15. RODNEY, 1784; died at Buenos Ayres in 1826.
16. SUSANNA, 1785; m. in 1812 Timothy P. Whitney of Wrentham.
17. HARVEY, 1793.
18. JEROULD NEWLAND EZRA, 1796; jailer at Dedham.
19. GEORGE; went to Dedham.

MARSHALL.

JACOB MARSHALL was the son of Jacob, who was of French descent. He was born in Natick in 1795. His mother was Mary Morse (107). He married Mary Gay, daughter of Joel Gay and Priscilla Wheelock (49). He resided in Medfield during the latter part of his life, dying in 1871. His wife died in 1870. Children:

2. HARRIET, 1829-1851.
3. MARY J., 1832-1850.
- +4. WILLIAM, 1838.
5. OLIVE FRANCES, 1840-1877; m. in 1863 William W. Pratt.

4.

WILLIAM² (Jacob¹) married in 1864 Mary A. Rowe (2). In the firm of Clark & Marshall, he has been engaged for several years in the manufacture of bonnet wire in Medfield. Children:—

6. WILLIAM R., 1865.
7. HENRY E., 1872.

MASON.

THOMAS MASON, son of Robert of Dedham, is said to have come over with his father from England. He came here about 1652, and took his homestead where Amos E. Mason now lives. He is mentioned in 1653 as having a house; and he married in that year Margery Partridge, sister of John and William. She died in 1711. "Margaret Stacy, relict to Thomas Mason," willed property to her son Ebenezer Mason. When the town was burned by the Indians, Thomas Mason's house was destroyed; and he, with two of his sons, was killed, it is said near the spring in the meadow opposite the house. His wife and the other children had fled to the garrison probably. Children:—

2. JOHN, 1655-1677; killed in the Indian wars "at the eastward, under Captain Swet's command."
3. MARY, 1657; m. in 1677 Abraham Harding (5).
4. THOMAS, 1660-1676; killed by the Indians.
5. ZECHARIAH, 1662-1676; killed by the Indians.
6. MEHITABLE, 1665-1692; m. in 1685 Thomas Thurston (11).
- +7. EBENEZER, 1669.

7.

EBENEZER² (Thomas¹) was the only male member of the family remaining after the Indian war. He married in 1691 Hannah Clark (23). Served as a selectman seven years, was quartermaster in 1716, representative to General Court in 1730. He died in 1754, and his wife in 1757. Children:—

8. HANNAH, 1692-1772; m., first, Samuel Smith (27); second, Josiah Cheney (17).
9. MEHITABLE, 1693; m. Deacon John Pratt (15), and died in 1745.
10. DORCAS, 1695-1778; m. Jonathan Adams (19).
11. TABITHA, 1697-1770; m. James Ellis (17).
- +12. THOMAS, 1699.
- +13. EBENEZER, 1701.
- +14. { ZECHARIAH, 1702.
15. { MARY, 1702; m. in 1728 Daniel Smith (36); second, — Hawes of Walpole.
16. MARGERY, 1704-1776; m. in 1731 Joseph Cheney (25).
17. ELIPHALET, 1706-1706.
18. { JEMIMA, 1707-1747.
19. { KEZIA, 1707; m. in 1736 Joseph Baker of Sturbridge.
20. JOSEPH, 1711-1711.

12.

THOMAS³ (Ebenezer,² Thomas¹) settled in the north-east corner of the town, the site of the house being still visible. He married in 1772 Mary Arnold, daughter of the wife of Samuel Sadey, and appears to have built his house at about the same date. He was selectman in 1743, 1748, and 1757. He died in 1789, his wife in 1798, aged ninety-five. Children:—

- +21. BARACHIAS, 1723.
22. OLIVE, 1724-1807; m. Joseph Morse (57); second, William How of Nova Scotia.

- 23. LOIS, 1726; m. in 1756 Nathaniel Smith of Natick; died 1757.
- 24. THOMAS, 1728-1732.
- 25. JOSEPH, 1729-1729.
- 26. SADEY, 1730; m. Sarah Ellis (28); settled in Princeton.
- 27. THOMAS, 1733; m. in 1763 Mary Baxter (11), and settled in Princeton. A son of his, William, was a clergyman at Bangor. Another son, Thomas, was minister at Northfield, Mass.
- 28. CAROLINE, 1736-1830; m. in 1757 Joseph Clark (159).
- +29. SILAS, 1740.
- 30. CATHERINE, 1743-1817; m. Simeon Cutler (4).

13.

EBENEZER³ (Ebenezer,² Thomas¹) settled on the place lately owned by heirs of Charles Newell. He married in 1725 Dorothy Morse of Sherborn. He became a member of the Second Baptist Church in Boston in 1751, and, with his wife, was among the constituent members of the church here. He died in 1787. Children:—

- +31. ASA, 1727.
- 32. SARAH, 1729-1765; m. in 1752 John Grout.
- 33. HULDAH, 1731-1733.
- 34. HANNAH, 1733-1780; unmarried.
- 35. AZUBAH, 1734-1819; unmarried; supported by the town.
- 36. EBENEZER, 1737-1757; soldier in the French war.
- 37. HULDAH, 1739.
- +38. ABNER, 1741.

14.

ZECHARIAH³ (Ebenezer,² Thomas¹) lived upon the original homestead. He married in 1733 Sarah Rich, who died in 1790, aged eighty-one. Zechariah died the same year. Children:—

- 39. ZECHARIAH, 1733-1743.
- +40. AMOS, 1735.
- +41. JOHN, 1738.
- 42. MARGERY, 1744-1813; m. in 1789 John Mason of Dover.
- 43. JAMES, 1750-1750.

21.

BARACHIAS⁴ (Thomas,³ Ebenezer,² Thomas¹) graduated at Harvard College in 1742; married in 1767 Love Battle, widow of Jonathan of Dedham and daughter of Mark Whitney of Hopkinton. He became heir to the estate of his grandmother Mary Sadey, where Mr. Pfaff's mansion stands on North Street. He was a surveyor of lands; taught school in Reading in 1747, afterward in this town, 1763-83. He also taught singing-schools. Served the town as a selectman five years, and was an innholder here. He died in 1795, his wife in 1802. Children:—

- +44. JOHNSON, 1767.
- 45. ARNOLD, 1770-1837.

29.

SILAS⁴ (Thomas,³ Ebenezer,² Thomas¹) inherited the place that his father had owned. He married in 1762 Priscilla Wheelock (46), who died in 1834, aged ninety-two. He died of small-pox in 1792. He served as a selectman in 1789. Children:—

- 46. CHLOE, 1762-1836; m. in 1785 Uriah Harding of Medway.
- 47. SIBYL, 1763-1834; m. in 1784 John Thompson.
- 48. LOIS, 1766; m. in 1789 William C. Fisher of Wrentham.
- 49. PRISCILLA, 1768-1840; m. in 1793 Paul Fisher (81).
- 50. THADDEUS, 1772; went to State of New York.
- 51. MARTIN, 1775-1796; was a blacksmith.
- 52. EXPERIENCE, 1778-1796.
- +53. EPHRAIM, 1780.
- 54. SILAS, 1784; m. Betsey Smith of Dedham; settled in Brookfield, Vt.
- 55. ABIGAIL, 1786; m. — Johnson; second, — Willard; died in Hubbardston in 1876.

31.

ASA⁴ (Ebenezer,³ Ebenezer,² Thomas¹) married in 1755 Beriah Fisher of Wrentham. He seems to have lived for some years in Dover, then Dedham. In 1777, he bought his brother's share in the estate of his father, and removed to it. He was killed by a fall in his barn in 1803. His wife died in the following year. Children:—

- 56. BERIAH, 1756-1825; declared *non compos* in 1804.
- 57. EBENEZER, 1757-1802; hanged for the murder of his brother-in-law, William P. Allen.
- 58. ABIGAIL, 1759; m. in 1782 Samuel Fisher of Dedham.
- 59. EUNICE, 1762; m. in 1785 Samuel Molton; second, John Adams.
- 60. ESTHER, 1764-1852; m. in 1788 Timothy Harding of Medway.
- 61. ASA, 1766; m. in 1789 Hitty Mason of Dover; went to Barre.
- 62. SARAH, 1768-1843; m. in 1793 Lemuel Herring of Dover.
- 63. KEZIA, 1770-1849; m. in 1789 William P. Allen (148); second, in 1808, David Cleaveland of Dover; third, — Crane of Canton.
- 64. AMOS, 1773-1776.
- 65. NATHAN, 1778-1798.

38.

ABNER⁴ (Ebenezer,³ Ebenezer,² Thomas¹) married in 1771 Phebe Harding (54), and, on selling out to his brother, removed to East Medway, near Sherborn, to the place since owned by his descendants. He died in 1825. Children:—

- 66. ALPHEUS, 1772; settled in Medway.
- 67. SIMON H., 1774; inherited his father's estate.
- 68. OLIVE, 1776-1795.

- 69. PERSIS, 1779; m. Joseph Daniels of Sherborn.
- 70. WALTER, 1781; unmarried.
- 71. HORATIO, 1784; died young.
- +72. ABNER, 1786.

40.

AMOS⁴ (Zechariah,³ Ebenezer,² Thomas¹), in connection with his brother, was heir to the homestead of his grandfather. In 1769, he bought his brother's portion. He married in 1777 Priscilla Morse (127), who died in 1824. He died two years later. Children:—

- 73. PRISCILLA, 1778; m. in 1808 Gershom Wheelock (23).
- 74. OLIVE, 1780-1867; unmarried.
- 75. KEZIA, 1783-1875; m. in 1821 Abner Mason (72).
- +76. AMOS, 1787.

41.

JOHN⁴ (Zechariah,³ Ebenezer,² Thomas¹) married Mercy Penniman (6), and settled on her father's place on Bridge Street, now owned by Perley Chase. In 1794, he sold his homestead, and removed to Shrewsbury, where he died in 1829. His wife died the same year. Children:—

- 77. GREGORY, 1773; lived in Shrewsbury; died in 1846.
- 78. JOHN, 1775; settled near Worcester. A son of his was of the firm of Ruggles, Nourse & Mason.
- 79. SARAH, 1778-1843; m. Nathaniel Brigham of Boylston.

44.

JOHNSON⁵ (Barachias,⁴ Thomas,³ Ebenezer,² Thomas¹) came into possession of his father's estate on North Street. He married in 1791 Catherine Hartshorn (9). He was commissioned as captain in 1800, lieutenant-colonel in 1803. He served as town clerk nineteen years, 1803-1821, as treasurer one year, as a member of the board of selectmen three years, and as representative to General Court in 1842. At the beginning of the century, he was engaged in mercantile business in company with George Ellis, and kept a store on North Street, opposite Dale. He manufactured straw goods, and went with them to New York. This journey was considered a great and perilous undertaking. Before starting, the minister was called in to offer prayers for success and safe return. He died in 1856, his wife in 1852. Children:—

- +80. LOWELL, 1792.
- 81. LUCRETIA, 1793; m. in 1822 Eliab Tucker of Walpole.
- 82. { JOHNSON, 1796-1882; resided in Louisville, Ky.
- 83. } ARNOLD, 1796-1817.
- 84. TIMOTHY B.; m. in 1821 Alma Harding; resided in Cincinnati.

53.

EPHRAIM⁵ (Silas,⁴ Thomas,³ Ebenezer,² Thomas¹) married in 1804 Polly Smith, daughter of Isaac of Walpole Corner; second, Polly Bennett. Removed to Hubbardston. Children:—

- 85. ADELINA, 1806; m. David Hoyt, Rochester, N.Y.
- 86. MARY; m. George Conant of Dedham.

72.

ABNER⁵ (Abner,⁴ Ebenezer,³ Ebenezer,² Thomas¹) married in 1807 Mehitable Andrews of Dorchester, who died in 1820; second, Kezia Mason (75). He lived for many years at the place in the north part of the town now owned by the Steam Packing Company. He served the town as treasurer six years, and as a selectman three years. He died in 1846, his widow in 1875. Children:

- 87. ABNER, 1807-1864; Baptist clergyman; settled at West Medway and elsewhere.
- 88. SAMUEL A., 1809-1874; lived in Holliston.
- +89. GEORGE S., 1810.
- 90. ELIZA A., 1812-1842; m. in 1837 Jeremiah R. Smith (161).
- 91. PHEBE H., 1815; m. in 1836 Jacob R. Cushman (1).

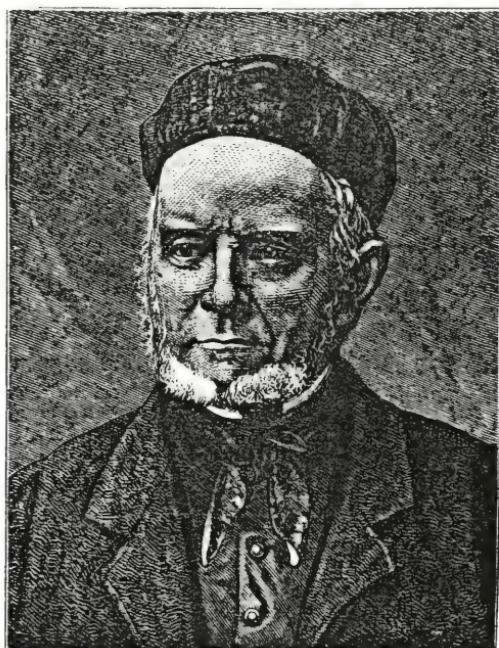
76.

AMOS⁵ (Amos,⁴ Zechariah,³ Ebenezer,² Thomas¹) continued in possession of the ancestral place. He married in 1826 Clarissa Fisher (82), who died in 1851. He died in 1865. Children:—

- 94. AMOS E., 1826; m. in 1857 Charlotte Hall of Eden, Vt.
- 95. C. ADELAIDE, 1830-1850.
- 96. W. FRANK, 1834.

80.

LOWELL⁶ (Johnson,⁵ Barachias,⁴ Thomas,³ Ebenezer,² Thomas¹), known in his boyhood as one whose ruling passion was music; and he spent the first twenty years of his life, as he himself tells us, chiefly in playing on all kinds of musical instruments within his reach. When eighteen years of age, he led the parish choir; and he was also the leader of a band, playing the clarinet. In 1812, he journeyed with horse and wagon to Savannah, Ga., arriving there with only ten dollars in his pocket. He found work in a store by day, and began teaching music evenings, soon after his arrival. He became a member of the Presbyterian church there, and the leader of its choir, as well as superintendent of the first Sunday-school ever gathered in Savannah. In 1817, he came north; was married to Abigail Gregory of Westboro, and returned to Savannah, where he was for several years teller in a bank, and became more widely known as teacher of music and leader of choral societies. In 1821, he published his first singing-book, *The Handel and Haydn Society's Collection*. Though compiled in Savannah, it found a publisher in Boston; and in 1827, at



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the urgent request of musical friends, Lowell Mason left Savannah, and took up his residence in Boston. At this time, he was induced to investigate the Pestalozzian system as applied to teaching music, and after due trial adopted it. Soon after, he set on foot a movement for the instruction of children in singing, which resulted in the introduction of musical instruction into the public schools. He was conductor of the Handel and Haydn Society, and in connection with George J. Webb established the Boston Academy of Music,

the first regularly chartered music school in this country. He visited Europe in 1837, as well as subsequently, in the interests of his profession; and in 1855 he received the degree of Doctor of Music from the University of New York, it being the first instance of the conferring of such a degree by an American college. He had been director of music in Dr. Alexander's church, New York, since about 1853.

His declining years were spent in Orange, N.J., where he died in 1872. His musical publications, forty or more in number, had a wide popularity; and of his most popular church music-book, *Carmina Sacra*, more than five hundred thousand copies have been sold. His tunes are yet sung in every State of the Union, as well as in other lands.

Dr. Mason was, without doubt, the foremost man of his time in raising the popular standard of music in this country. He revolutionized the methods of teaching. He furnished a better class of tunes for church use to supplant the whimsical music that originated in colonial times. By his labors in the Boston Academy of Music, at conventions, and at teachers' institutes, he educated a great number of teachers, and awakened an enthusiasm in singing among the people. By these means, he contributed more than any other one man to the later development of the musical art in America.

89.

GEORGE S.⁶ (Abner,⁵ Abner,⁴ Ebenezer,³ Ebenezer,² Thomas¹) married in 1836 Ellen B. Balch (9). He died in 1866, his wife in 1876. Children: —

- 97. GEORGE W., 1838; resides in New York State.
- 98. HENRY F., 1840-1872.

92.

JOHN⁶ (Abner,⁵ Abner,⁴ Ebenezer,³ Ebenezer,² Thomas¹) married in 1842 Sophia Clark (256). She died in 1856; and he married, second, Martha, widow of Aaron Smith (185). Children: —

- 99. JOHN C., 1844-1856.
- 100. MARY E., 1846.
- 101. ALBERT B., 1848.
- 102. HARRY S., 1862.

103.

ROBERT MASON, son of Robert of Dedham, was accepted as a townsman here in 1653; and he had a grant of "six acres upland and a little meadow adjoining to it lying east beyond the lot of Thomas Wight." This was between Pine and Green Streets. In 1658, Robert had leave from the town to take "cedar timber" to make shingles for his house. He married in 1659 Abigail Eaton of Dedham. The house of Robert Mason was destroyed by the Indians in 1676. He died in 1700, his wife in 1711. Children: —

- 104. ABIGAIL, 1660.
- 105. MARY, 1662; died in infancy.
- 106. JOHN, 1666.
- +107. JOSEPH, 1669.
- 108. JUDITH, 1671.
- 109. MARY, 1674; was living unmarried in 1709.
- 110. HANNAH, 1676; m. in 1701 Samuel Partridge (53).

107.

JOSEPH² (Robert¹) inherited the homestead, where he spent his life. He married in 1705 Elizabeth Daniel (17). He died in 1728, and in 1730 his widow married John Draper of Dedham. Children: —

- 111. LYDIA, 1707; was living in 1728.
- 112. ELIZABETH, 1709; m. Ebenezer Knap prior to 1735.
- +113. JOSEPH, 1714.
- 114. ABIGAIL, 1716.

113.

JOSEPH³ (Joseph,² Robert¹) was styled "cordwainer," and he succeeded to the possession of the estate by paying £4 to each of his three sisters. Joseph sold outlands to Elijah Allen in 1754,

and not far from this time removed to Sturbridge with his entire family. He married Sarah Sanders of Walpole in 1739. Children :—

115. MARY, 1739-1796.
116. OLIVER, 1741.
117. THANKFUL, 1744; m. Lemuel Sanders of Sturbridge.
118. EUNICE, 1745-1810; m. Comfort Johnson.
119. RICHARD, 1747; settled in Belchertown.
120. SIMEON, 1750.
121. JACOB, 1753.

Several others by a second marriage were born in Sturbridge.

METCALF.

JOHN METCALF was the son of Michael, and was born at Norwich, England, in 1622. Michael Metcalf was a dornik weaver, and fled to this country from persecutions, which he thus describes :—

"I was forced, for the sake of the liberty of my conscience, to flee from my wife and children, and go into New England; taking ship for the voyage, Sept. 17, 1636, being by tempests tossed up and down the seas till the christmas following, then veering about to Plymouth in Old England: in which time I met with many sore afflictions. Leaving the ship, I went down to Yarmouth in Norfolk County, whence I shipped myself and family to come to New England; sailed April 15, 1637, and arrived three days before midsummer following, with my wife and nine children, and a servant."

In a postscript, he alludes again to the troubles he sustained at the hands of Bishop Wren and the Chancellor, in consequence of which he was driven from his family: "Sometimes my wife did hide me in the roof of the house, covering me with straw." The boyhood of John Metcalf was spent among scenes like these. The family settled at Dedham, and John married in 1647 Mary Chickering. He came to this town about 1652, with his wife and three children. His house stood near the site now occupied by that of John Y. Thurston. He served on the board of selectmen six years, and had the title of commissioner in 1682. He died in 1690, his wife in 1698. Children :—

- +2. JOHN, 1648.
- +3. MICHAEL, 1650.
- 4. ELIZABETH; m. Joseph Ellis (6).
- +5. JOSEPH, 1658.
- 6. EXPERIENCE, 1661-1730; m. Isaac Wheeler (1).
- 7. HANNAH, 1664-1719; m. in 1683 Elisha Bullen (9).
- 8. MARY, 1668-1727; m. in 1687 Eleazar Ellis (7).

2.

JOHN² (John¹) married in 1676 Mary Bowers (3). He settled in "Dingle dell," near the road leading to Centre Meadow. He

had a house there as early as 1682. He served as a selectman five years, and was representative to the General Court in 1704-5. His wife, his son, aged twenty-three, and his daughter, aged twenty-seven, all died in 1707, leaving him alone. He married in 1708 Sarah, widow of John Plimpton (4). Both died in the same year, 1738; and the estate was given to Jonathan Metcalf, his nephew. Children:—

9. MARY, 1680-1707.
10. JOHN, 1681-1682.
11. JOHN, 1684-1707.

3.

MICHAEL² (John¹) married in 1676 Elizabeth Bowers (4). On the same day, the two brothers married the two sisters. In 1682, he bought the Rockwood homestead on Bridge Street, a little way north-west of where Charles Russell now lives. He died in 1691, leaving five children, the eldest but eleven years old. Their uncle, Isaac Wheeler, was appointed their guardian. Elizabeth died in 1724. His first house was burned by the Indians in 1676. Children:—

12. MICHAEL, 1680; settled in Medway.
13. SARAH, 1683; m. in 1715 Daniel Saunders.
14. SAMUEL, 1684-1740; settled in Medway.
15. ELIZABETH, 1686.
- +16. JONATHAN, 1690.

5.

JOSEPH² (John¹) inherited the home place near the cemetery. He was sexton for many years. He married in 1685 Sarah Bowers (5), the third brother to the third sister. In 1702, he was a selectman. His first wife died in 1727; and he married in 1730 Hannah, widow of John Fisher (26). He died in 1741; and, having no sons, he gave his homestead to Joseph Clark (73), his grandson. His widow died in 1746. Children:—

17. SARAH, 1686; m. in 1705 Timothy Clark (28).
18. ABIGAIL, 1694-1788; m. in 1713 Seth Clark (32).

16.

JONATHAN³ (Michael,² John¹) inherited his father's place in Bridge Street, and also his uncle John's place in "Dingle dell." He resided on Bridge Street, evidently. He conveyed the "Dingle dell" property to Timothy, son of Samuel of Medway, who sold it in 1756 to Dr. Jabez Fuller, rights being reserved for Jonathan, during his lifetime, in the fruits of the orchard. He married, first, Elizabeth Plimpton (17), who died in 1725; second, in 1733, Hannah, widow of Benjamin Plimpton (39). She died

in 1744. His third wife was Abigail, widow of Samuel Hinsdale (20). He died in 1758, his widow in 1777. Children:—

19. SARAH, 1722-1736.
20. ELIZABETH, 1725-1763; m. in 1742 Joseph Plimpton (37).
21. HANNAH, 1734-1734.
22. HANNAH, 1736-1736.
23. JOHN, 1739-1740.
24. SETH, 1741-1742.
- +25. JONATHAN, 1744.

25.

JONATHAN⁴ (Jonathan,³ Michael,² John¹) inherited his father's estate principally, and appears to have resided in Bridge Street until his marriage with Patty Dwight (13) in 1777, after which he lived on the place which had been her father's, on Frairy Street, now owned by the Derby heirs. He served two years as a selectman, and was town clerk and treasurer four years. He was the village storekeeper in 1784; died in 1821. Children:—

26. DWIGHT, 1778-1857; was a merchant in Baltimore.
27. PATTY, 1779; died unmarried.
28. JONATHAN, 1782; said to have been educated at college.
29. CHARLES, 1783-1819; insane and a pauper.

MOQUET.

FRANCIS MOQUET is first mentioned in 1720, when he was warned out, according to the custom then in respect to all strangers, good or bad. In 1721, he married Elizabeth Symms, and was residing here the following year. This name is variously spelled, sometimes Mooket and Muckit. Barry says that he kept an inn in Framingham as early as 1729. In 1737 and 1738, Francis Moquet of Framingham, innholder, sold property to Dr. James Gerauld of Medfield. Elizabeth, wife of Francis Moquet, died at Medfield in 1756. Francis was in Stow and Sudbury in 1754, in a condition of poverty. In 1760, Francis Moquet died at Castle William. He was said to be of Medfield. His inventory contained no real estate.

The name Muckit clung to the town for some years. A piece of land on the west side of Frairy Street has had that name for a long time. This suggests that Francis may have owned or lived in a house that is known to have stood there, and which was afterwards owned by Dr. Gerauld.

MORSE.

SAMUEL MORSE was born in England in 1585. He came to America in 1635, bringing his wife Elizabeth and seven children with him. They lived first at Watertown, but after a short time went to Dedham. When the settlement of Medfield was projected, he cast in his lot with the new town. He did not have a house

lot assigned him, but his inventory includes a "house and materials to finish the same." His will gives everything to his wife Elizabeth, by her to be given to the heirs at her decease. He died in 1654, and his wife probably in 1655. Children:—

2. JOHN, 1611-1657; merchant tailor in Boston.
- +3. DANIEL, 1613.
- +4. JOSEPH, 1615.
5. ABIGAIL; m. Daniel Fisher of Dedham.
6. SAMUEL; m. Mary Bullen; said to have died in 1688, at the eastward.
7. JEREMIAH; went to the eastward.
8. MARY; m. in 1641 Samuel Bullen (1).

3.

DANIEL² (Samuel¹) was a member of the church in Watertown, from which he was received to the Dedham church in 1643. His house lot in Medfield, where he was among the first thirteen, lay south of Pound Street. He was one of the selectmen in 1655, 1656, and 1657. He was present at town-meeting early in 1658, after which he removed to "the farms," where he had bought a large tract of land. He attended church at Medfield after his removal, as the town in 1670 granted him liberty to build a horse-shed for Sabbath use. He was one of the founders of Sherborn. He died in 1688, his wife in 1690. Children:—

9. OBADIAH, 1639-1704; m. in 1666 Martha Johnson. He was deacon and first town clerk of Sherborn.
10. DANIEL, 1640-1702; m. in 1669 Elizabeth Barber (7).
11. JONATHAN, 1643-1727; m. in 1666 Mary Barber (4).
12. LYDIA, 1645-1722; m. in 1668 Ephraim Wight (7).
13. BETHIA, 1648-1717; m. in 1665 John Perry (1).
14. MARY, 1650-1736; m. Edward West.
15. BETHSHUA, 1653-1737; m. in 1674 Benjamin Fisk (1).
16. NATHANIEL, 1657-1728; settled in Sherborn, as did all his brothers. His daughter Dorothy was the wife of Ebenezer Mason (13).
17. SAMUEL, 1661-1704.

4.

JOSEPH² (Samuel¹) came from Watertown to Dedham in 1637. He married in 1638 Hannah Phillips. He lived for some time at Dorchester, where his family remained while he was building a house at Medfield and commencing the cultivation of his land. He died in 1654, before his place here was in readiness for the removal of his family. His inventory is in two parts,—that part which he had at Medfield consisted of house lot, house, barn, and materials to finish the same, and the crop of corn on the land. That part at Dorchester consisted of cattle, crops, furniture, tools, etc. The family removed to Medfield in 1654, and in 1658 his widow married Thomas Boyden (1). When her eldest son Samuel came of age, his portion was set off; and Boyden took all the

houses and lands remaining, he to pay to each of the heirs £26 13s. 4d. Hannah died in 1676, at the house of her eldest daughter in Boston. Children :—

- +18. SAMUEL, 1639.
- 19. HANNAH, 1641; m. in 1667 James Flood of Boston.
- 20. SARAH, 1643; m. in 1661 Nathaniel Lawrence of Groton.
- 21. DORCAS, 1645-1725; m. in 1665 Benjamin Clark (3).
- 22. ELIZABETH, 1647-1715; m. in 1668 Peleg Lawrence of Groton; died in Medfield.
- 23. JOSEPH, 1649-1718; settled in Sherborn.
- +24. JEREMIAH, 1651.
- 25. The eighth child probably died young.

18.

SAMUEL³ (Joseph,² Samuel¹) had a portion of his father's and of his grandfather's estate. He is known to have had a house in 1663, which stood on a little knoll a short distance east of the junction of Main and Pound Streets. It was burned by the Indians in 1676, and was never rebuilt. The cellar is yet visible. His second house stood near where that of John Ord, Jr., now stands; and the well is still in use. In 1705, Lieutenant Samuel Morse kept school in Medfield. In 1706, he was granted the right to flow for his fulling mill "near the cowpens." This was the site of the stone mill lately owned by Mr. Crehore. He served six years as one of the selectmen, and as representative to the General Court in 1707. He married in 1665 Elizabeth Wood, who died in 1682; second, in 1684 Sarah Thurston (12), who died in 1688. He died in 1718. Children :—

- 26. SAMUEL, 1665; m. first Abigail — ; second, in 1724, Hannah Whiting.
- 27. ELIZABETH, 1668; m. John Darling of Mendon.
- 28. HANNAH, 1669-1669.
- 29. HANNAH, 1670-1670.
- 30. RUTH, 1672-1716; unmarried.
- 31. JOSEPH, 1674-1676.
- +32. JOSHUA, 1677.
- 33. ELEAZAR, 1680.
- 34. BENONI, 1682-1704; m. in 1702 Rachel Bullard (11); left two daughters: Rachel, born 1702, who married Benjamin Rockwood of Grafton; and Abial, born 1704, who married Ebenezer Littlefield of Holliston.
- 35. SOLOMON, 1684-1704.
- 36. SARAH, 1686; m. Isaac Bullard of Sherborn.

24.

JEREMIAH³ (Joseph,² Samuel¹) married Elizabeth Hamant (7), and settled in the south part of the town, at the place now owned by William R. Smith. He is said to have been a wheelwright by trade. The homestead is described as consisting of a house and shop with land adjoining, lot on the other side of the way

with the barn on it, and orchard. He died in 1716, his wife in 1733. Children:—

37. ELIZABETH, 1678-1678.
38. JEREMIAH, 1679-1724; m. Mehitable Cheney (15). He was living in Medway in 1715, afterward settled in Oxford.
39. ELIZABETH, 1681; adjudged *non compos* in 1766.
40. MARY, 1685-1760; m. Henry Leland of Sherborn.
41. TIMOTHY, 1687-1765; settled in Walpole.
42. BENJAMIN, 1692-1756; settled in Wrentham.
- +43. SAMUEL, 1694.
44. ABIGAIL, 1696; m. in 1727 Thomas Clark (56).
45. JEDIDIAH, 1700; settled in Foxboro.
46. JOHN, 1704-1768; m. in 1728 Judith Star; settled in Wrentham.

32.

JOSHUA⁴ (Samuel,³ Joseph,² Samuel¹) inherited his father's estate, to which he probably added very considerably. He was an innholder, owned a corn-mill, also a saw-mill. He had a "new dwelling-house," by which is meant the house that stood on the place now occupied by Jeremiah Johnston. He married in 1699 Elizabeth Penniman, daughter of Samuel of Braintree, born in 1675, who died in 1705; second, Widow Mary Paine of Braintree, who died in 1747. He was largely interested in the settlement of Sturbridge, and the meetings of the first proprietors were held at his tavern. He served as representative to the General Court six years; died in 1749. Children:—

47. ELIZABETH, 1701; m. in 1725 Thomas Ellis (63).
48. ZIPPORAH, 1702; m. in 1722 Samuel Smith of Needham.
49. SAMUEL, 1703-1770; settled in Uxbridge.
50. MARY, 1707; m. — Lovell of Worcester; second, — Walker of Brookfield.
51. JEMIMA, 1709-1785; m. Henry Adams (50).
- +52. JOSHUA, 1710.
- +53. ELIAKIM, 1712.
54. RUTH, 1716-1806; m. in 1735 Simon Plimpton (34).
55. EBENEZER, 1718-1801; graduated at Harvard College in 1737; was a physician, and pastor of the church at Shrewsbury, ordained in 1743.
56. LYDIA, 1719-1738.
57. JOSEPH, 1721; m. Olive Mason (22). He died in Nova Scotia; and his widow married Major William How, after whose death she returned to Medfield, and died in 1807.

43.

SAMUEL⁴ (Jeremiah,³ Joseph,² Samuel¹) inherited his father's homestead at the south part of the town. He was a blacksmith by trade, and married in 1716 Sarah Star, who died in 1722. He then married Abigail Fisher of Dedham. He died in 1756, his widow in 1767, aged seventy-three. Children:—

- +58. SAMUEL, 1718.
59. SARAH, 1719-1723.

60. BATHSHEBA, 1721-1750; m. in 1746 Seth Richardson (12).
61. ABIGAIL, 1728-1797; m. in 1758 Eliakim Morse (53).
62. MARY, 1731-1772; m. in 1760 Nathan Clark (147).
63. WILLIAM, 1736-1736.
64. MARGARET, 1737-1816; m. in 1763 Benjamin Dunton; second, in 1769, Adam Peters (4).
65. SARAH, 1740-1807; m. in 1754 (age 14) Elijah Allen (42).

52.

JOSHUA⁵ (Joshua,⁴ Samuel,³ Joseph,² Samuel¹) inherited the "farther house," with lands adjoining, in the east part of the town. He became a member of the Second Baptist Church in Boston in 1752, and was one of the largest subscribers toward the building of a meeting-house in this town in 1771. He married in 1733 Mary Partridge. He died in 1773, his wife in 1778. Children:—

- +66. JAMES, 1735.
67. CATHERINE, 1737; m. in 1760 David Wight (71).
68. OLIVE, 1739; m. in 1765 Stephen Draper of Dedham.
69. HANNAH, 1742; m. in 1767 Jabez Baker of Dedham.
70. JACOB, 1745; m. Mary Kingsbury of Newfane, Vt. He went to Princeton.

53.

ELIAKIM⁵ (Joshua,⁴ Samuel,³ Joseph,² Samuel¹) inherited the original homestead, where he resided during his life. He married in 1758 Abigail Morse (61). He served three years on the board of selectmen. The house now standing on the estate was built by him about 1750. He died in 1803, his wife in 1797. Children:—

71. ABIGAIL, 1760-1845; unmarried.
- +72. ELIAKIM, 1762.
73. MARY, 1763-1849; unmarried.
74. LUCY, 1766-1805; m. in 1803 Ichabod Everett of Boston.
75. CATHARINE, 1768-1850; unmarried.

58.

SAMUEL⁵ (Samuel,⁴ Jeremiah,³ Joseph,² Samuel¹) married in 1759 Catherine Clark (150). In 1777, he sold his place, formerly his father's, and removed to Hubbardston. He served here several years as selectman, also as representative. Children:—

76. SAMUEL, 1759; m. Esther Woodward of Newton.
77. WILLIAM, 1761-1830; died at Saratoga.
- +78. THADDEUS, 1763.
79. CATHERINE, 1765-1824; m. Silas Wheeler of Hubbardston.
80. SARAH, 1767; was a pauper at Hubbardston, supported by this town.
81. JOSES, 1770-1851; received an injury at a "raising," from which he lost his mental faculties. In 1816, he was brought to Medfield for support.
82. NATHAN C., 1779; m. in 1810 Eunice Cleaveland (13); went to Warwick.

66.

JAMES⁶ (Joshua,⁵ Joshua,⁴ Samuel,³ Joseph,² Samuel¹) inherited the place in the east part of the town on the Dedham road. He bought his brother Jacob's rights in 1777. He married in 1767 Maria Chenery (15). He died in 1802. Children:—

- 83. HANNAH, 1768-1816; m. in 1790 Joseph Clark (226).
- 84. { PAUL, 1770-1770.
- 85. { SILAS, 1770-1770.
- 86. JOSHUA, 1773-1773.
- 87. REBECCA, 1774-1777.

72.

ELIAKIM⁶ (Eliakim,⁵ Joshua,⁴ Samuel,³ Joseph,² Samuel¹) continued the occupancy of the original homestead. He was a member of the board of selectmen six years. He married in 1796 Olive Wheelock (51). His death occurred in 1814. His widow survived him forty-five years, dying in 1859. Children:—

- 88. OLIVE, 1797-1826; m. in 1817 William Richards.
- 89. ABIGAIL, 1799-1799.
- +90. ELIAKIM, 1800.
- 91. JAMES, 1803-1870; resided in Malden.
- 92. LUCY, 1807.
- 93. MARY, 1810.

78.

THADDEUS⁶ (Samuel,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Jeremiah,³ Joseph,² Samuel¹) married in 1792 Cynthia Clark (225), and inherited her father's estate, now owned by John Y. Thurston. He died in 1848, his wife in 1823. Children:—

- 94. JULIA, 1792; m. in 1816 Jason Daniels (25).
- 95. CYNTHIA, 1797-1881; m. Jacob Clark (258).
- 96. CAROLINE, 1800-1878; m. in 1821 Clark Smith (134).
- 97. HANNAH, 1802-1863; unmarried,
- 98. CATHERINE, 1804-1857; m. in 1829 John A. Turner (89).

90.

ELIAKIM⁷ (Eliakim,⁶ Eliakim,⁵ Joshua,⁴ Samuel,³ Joseph,² Samuel¹) lived on the ancestral place. He married in 1824 Mary Baker of Dover, who died in 1831; second, in 1838, Almira Howe of Shrewsbury. He died in 1871. Children:—

- 99. ELIAKIM, 1826-1871; unmarried.
- 100. EDWARD S., 1830; resides in New York.
- 101. MARY B., 1840.
- 102. LOUISA, 1841.
- 103. ELIZABETH P., 1852; m. in 1873 John Ord (2).

104.

PELETIAH⁵ (David,⁴ Joseph,³ Joseph,² Samuel¹) was born in Natick in 1722; married in 1749 Esther Allen, daughter of

Eleazar (23). He was an innholder in Natick in 1759; afterward lived in Medfield for some years in an old house that stood where F. D. Hamant's cottage now stands. Esther died in 1774. His second wife was Lydia Glazier of Lancaster, married in 1777. She died in 1794. He removed to Natick in 1801, where he died in 1810, having been blind for a considerable time before his death. Children:—

- 105. ESTHER, 1753-1805; m. in 1773 Eleazar Perry (14).
- 106. DAVID, 1756-1830; left a family.
- 107. MARY, 1759; m. Jacob Marshall.

108.

JOSEPH³ (John,² Samuel¹), born in 1640, came to Medfield, and settled near Death's Bridge. In 1668, he had a grant of four acres "near his house lot." How early he had a house built there is uncertain. He married in 1668 Priscilla Colburn. His death occurred in 1689. His widow died in 1731. Children:—

- 109. JOHN, 1660-1669.
- 110. JOSEPH, 1671-1732. He was the first native of this town who graduated at Harvard College, which he did in 1695. He taught school in Dedham in the same year, afterward in what is now Weston in 1701. He also preached there till about 1706; afterward he removed to Dorchester "new village," now Canton, where he became the first pastor.
- 111. JOHN, 1673-1694.
- 112. PRISCILLA, 1675; m. in 1692 Benjamin Grant.
- 113. MARIA, 1677; m. Nathaniel Heaton.
- 114. MOSES, 1679-1733.
- 115. DEBORAH, 1681-1750; m. in 1701 William Rider.
- 116. ISRAEL, 1683-1766; m. in 1736 Hannah Mills.
- +117. NATHANIEL, 1685.
- 118. AARON, 1688; settled in Sherborn or Holliston.

117.

NATHANIEL⁴ (Joseph,³ John,² Samuel¹) inherited his father's homestead. He married in 1720 Sarah Cooledge of Sherborn, who died in 1776, aged eighty-one. He died in 1778. Children:—

- 119. JOHN, 1721-1814; m. Elizabeth Perry of Sherborn, widow of Edward W.; lived in Dover and Medfield.
- 120. ELI, 1722; settled in Dublin, N.H.
- 121. CALEB, 1725-1729.
- 122. DANIEL, 1727-1731.
- 123. SARAH, 1729-1823; m. in 1754 Samuel Ellis (71).
- 124. CALEB, 1732-1733.
- 125. JOSEPH, 1734; sold the homestead subsequent to 1782, and removed to Shrewsbury.
- 126. ABIGAIL, 1736-1824; m. in 1770 Henry Bullard.
- 127. PRISCILLA, 1740-1824; m. in 1777 Amos Mason (40).

128.

DAVID⁴ (Ezra,³ John,² Samuel¹) was born in Dedham in 1683; married in 1705 Experience Sabin (9). He was received to communion here from the church in Dedham in 1708, and inherited the estate of Joseph Bullen (6), his uncle by marriage. The place was in the north part of the town, and is now owned by Mr. Lovell. He was a maltster, and his malt-house stood in the field some little distance from the road. David was chosen deacon in 1746. At his death, his estate passed into the hands of his son-in-law, Daniel Perry. He died in 1771, his wife in the same year. Children:—

- 129. JOANNA, 1707-1730; m. in 1729 John Wilson of Dedham.
- 130. DAVID, 1710-1790; settled in Sturbridge.
- 131. HANNAH, 1712; m. Seth Wight (58).
- +132. SETH, 1714.
- 133. JOHN, 1717-1782; settled in Sturbridge.
- 134. KEZIA, 1719-1731.
- 135. PETER, 1723; was dismissed to the Sturbridge church in 1754; said to have settled in Tyringham.
- 136. THANKFUL, 1724-1809; m. in 1758 Daniel Perry (6).

132.

SETH⁵ (David,⁴ Ezra,³ John,² Samuel¹) married in 1741 Kezia Bullen (28). He, with his two boys and John Carpenter, were attempting to cross Charles River on horseback, returning home from Medway. A heavy shower had occurred since they crossed in the early part of the day, and the river was swollen to that degree that all four were drowned. In Thomas Adams' diary for that year, 1753, he says he attended the funeral of Seth Morse, his two sons, and his man,—“the most awful solemnity of the kind which I ever attended or perhaps ever was in Medfield.” His widow married in 1757 Rev. Phillips Payson of Walpole. Children:—

- 137. OZIAS, 1743-1753.
- 138. ASAPH, 1745-1753.
These two were drowned with their father.
- 139. JUDITH, 1748; was living in 1771.
- 140. SETH, 1752-1753.

141.

ADAM⁷ (Adam,⁶ Samuel,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Daniel,² Samuel¹) was born in Natick in 1797; married Ann Cheney of Sherborn. He died in 1865, his widow in 1874. Children:—

- 142. ANN AUGUSTA, 1826-1869; m. in 1849 Joseph Clark (286).
- 143. GEORGE A., 1837; m. in 1849 Susan M. Walker of Hartford, Vt.
- 144. JOSEPH H., 1840; m. in 1864 Maria S. Daniels of Holliston.
- 145. ELLEN F., 1842; m. in 1872 Joseph Clark (286).
- 146. EDWARD F., 1844.
- 147. FRANK E., 1845-1864; killed at Deep Run, Va.
- 148. LOUISA, 1848; m. in 1868 James Gardner.

149.

URIAH⁶ (Josiah,⁵ Jeremiah,⁴ Jeremiah,³ Joseph,² Samuel¹) married in 1756 Bathsheba Clark (136). He lived at the place on Elm Street now or lately owned by Tracy and Hanley. His wife died in 1772, and he married in 1773 Sarah Clark (188). He sold his place to Preserved Baker in 1780, and became reduced in circumstances, until at last he was supported by the town. He died in 1815. Children:—

- 150. JEREMIAH, 1756-1758.
- 151. BATHSHEBA, 1759; m. in 1778 Ephraim Cheney (47).
- 152. JEREMIAH, 1761.
- 153. JEMIMA, 1765.
- 154. SILENCE, 1768-1768.
- 155. ERASTUS, 1770-1770.
- 156. SALLY, 1774.
- 157. MARY, 1775.
- 158. URIAH, 1777-1780.
- 159. NABBY, 1780.
- 160. LUCRETIA; birth not recorded; was blind, and a pauper; died in 1809.

NEWELL.

GEORGE NEWELL was born in 1769, son of Ebenezer of Dover. His children were born in Needham. His wife Hannah died in 1834, aged sixty-one; and he married, second, in 1836, Polly Lawrence (9). He lived on Causeway Street, near its junction with Noon Hill Street. He died in 1860, his widow in 1873. Children:—

- +2. JOHN F., 1797.
- 3. GEORGE; m. in 1835 Elizabeth Adams (110). Removed to Medway.
- 4. MARY, 1798-1835; unmarried.
- 5. HANNAH; unmarried.
- 6. HORACE.
- 7. GUSTAVUS.
- 8. MARY A., 1837-1867; m. Walter Whiting.

2.

JOHN F.² (George¹) was born in Needham; came to this town, and in 1827 married Maria Adams (104). He bought the place on Bridge Street, near West Street, originally known as the Bowers place, where he resided until his death in 1856. Children:—

- 9. JOHN F., 1831-1886; died in Chicago, leaving a family.
- 10. ABIGAIL W., 1832-1861; m. in 1848 Emery A. Willey.
- 11. MARIA A., 1834-1865; m. in 1852 William Clark (277).
- 12. LYDIA S., 1837; m. in 1857 Thomas L. Smith.

13.

CHARLES NEWELL was the son of Jesse of Dover, born in 1794. He married in 1836 Mary A. Partridge, daughter of Bernard of

Oakham, and settled on the farm in the north east part of the town previously owned by heirs of Asa Mason. He died in 1872, his wife in 1886. Children :—

14. MARY ABIGAIL, 1837.
15. MARTHA M., 1839.
16. CHARLES A., 1843-1844.

17.

JOHN A. NEWELL, son of John A. Newell of Dover and his wife Caroline Allen (107), married in 1863 Diana E. Willard. Children :—

18. WILLARD A., 1865.
19. WARREN E., 1868.

20.

ELEAZAR A. NEWELL, son of Jesse and Pamela (Cleaveland) Newell, was born in Dover in 1827. He worked in this town when a young man, and in 1852 married Mary Elizabeth Thayer of Concord. He lived in Needham from his marriage till 1857, when he removed to Elmira, N.Y. Returning in 1862, he lived in Dover till 1870. He then bought the place on Farm Street formerly owned by Nathaniel Kingsbury. He died in 1880. Children :—

21. EDWARD E., 1853; m. in 1882 Florence Pember of Walpole.
22. I. FREEMAN, 1854-1878.
23. JESSE S., 1861-1886.

NOYES.

HENRY O. NOYES, son of Otis and Nancy (Cummings) Noyes of Dedham, was born in 1826. He was a carpenter by trade; worked in this town when a young man, and in 1848 married Angenette Cleaveland (32). He lived for some years on East Main Street, at the place now owned by Julius A. Fitts, afterward on Bridge Street, where Mr. Chase now lives. He died in 1868, his wife in 1869, both of consumption, of which disease several of their children have since died. Children :—

2. HENRY A., 1849-1852.
3. FANNY J., 1851.
4. WALTER W., 1854.
5. ANGIE L., 1856-1877.
6. LAURA C., 1859-1863.
7. CORA P., 1862-1863.
8. EMILY L., 1864-1880.
9. CHARLES H., 1867-1868.

ONION.

DAVID ONION was the son of Samuel of Dedham, and was born in 1758. He is said to have been a carpenter by trade. He bought in 1782, of Rufus Mann, the estate on the west corner of

Main and South Streets, one-quarter of an acre, with a dwelling-house and barn. He married in 1785 Caroline Morse, daughter of Joseph (57). It appears that he was in Medfield when quite a young man, as he was hired in 1776 to go into the army at New York. He served again in 1778, and in 1780 went with the new levy of six months' men to re-enforce the Continental Army. He died in 1819, his wife Caroline in 1848, aged eighty-five. Children:—

2. WILLARD, 1786-1820; followed his father in store-keeping on the corner; was postmaster 1818-20.
3. DAVID, 1788-1827.
4. CHARLES, 1796-1852; was a watchmaker, and had a shop on the lot now occupied by the Baptist church. He afterward kept store where his father and brother had preceded him, until J. & T. L. Barney took the business in 1837. He served as town clerk in 1838-39, was a prominent Freemason, and was postmaster from 1823 to 1852.

ORD.

JOHN ORD was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1809. He married in 1836 Marion Heatlie, of Edinburgh, and in the same year came to Boston. His wife followed in 1837. They came to this town in 1838. Children:—

2. JOHN, 1837; m. in 1873 Elizabeth P. Morse (103).
3. JAMES, 1838-1840.
4. M. ELIZA, 1839; m. in 1881 Edward Vinton.
5. LAURA, 1841; m. in 1862 James W. Clark (273).
6. JAMES, 1843.
7. AGNES S., 1847; m. in 1867 Henry J. Daniels.
8. MARGARET J., 1857.

PARKER.

BLAKE PARKER, son of Benjamin and wife, Anna Ames, was born in Southboro in 1809. He married Mary Clark of Framingham; came to this town in 1833, and drove a stage-coach between Medfield and Woonsocket. After that line was given up, he drove from Medfield to Walpole, and subsequently to Dedham. He died in 1871. Children:—

2. ALONZO B., 1832; m. in 1857 Anna D. Knapp of Cumberland, R.I.
3. ANN ELIZA, 1833; m. in 1853 Lewis Hartshorn of Watertown.
4. GEORGE F., 1836; resides in Milwaukee.
5. FRANCIS D., 1839.
- +6. HENRY M., 1840.
7. ELLEN M., 1845; m. in 1881 George L. Plimpton (153).
8. HERBERT, 1846.

6.

HENRY M.² (Blake¹) married in 1865 Charlotte A. Wight (165), who died in 1871; second, in 1875, Maria L. Hall of Johnson, Vt. Children:—

- 9. NELLIE D., 1866.
- 10. GRACE M., 1870.
- 11. HARRY L., 1876-1885.
- 12. MARY L., 1883.

PARTRIDGE.

WILLIAM PARTRIDGE, brother of John, came here probably from Dedham, and was a single man at the time. His house lot was on North Street, where the house of the Misses Wight now stands. He married in 1654 Sarah Price, who died in 1656; second, in the same year, Sarah Colburn. He died about 1692, aged seventy. He gave by his will one-half his estate to his wife Sarah, and the remainder to his sons John and William. John dying in 1719, without family, and his part of the estate being divided among the other six children, it soon passed out of the family name. Sarah died in 1716. Children:—

- +2. NATHANIEL, 1660.
- 3. JOHN, 1662-1719.
- 4. ELISHA, 1665; probably died in infancy.
- +5. WILLIAM, 1669.
- 6. PRISCILLA, 1672-1738; m. Joseph Plimpton (18).
- 7. SARAH, 1674-1763; m. in 1702 Ephraim Wight (25).
- 8. HANNAH, 1677-1761; m. in 1702 John Bowers (6); second, Eleazar Bullard (101).
- 9. JOSIAH, 1680-1705.
- 10. MARY, 1682-1749; m. in 1706 Abraham Harding (12).

2.

NATHANIEL² (William¹), weaver, had a house at the time of his father's death, which seems to have been not far from where the North School-house now stands. He married in 1686 Lydia Wight (23). He served as town treasurer in 1709-10, as selectman in 1708 and 1713, and kept school in 1713 and 1722. He gave his estate by his will to his son Edward. He and his wife both died in the same year, 1741. Children:—

- 11. LYDIA, 1687; m. in 1717 Nathaniel Smith (22).
- 12. NATHANIEL, 1689-1713.
- 13. ELISHA, 1691-1712.
- 14. DEBORAH, 1694-1723; m. in 1717 Zechariah Barber (23).
- 15. SARAH, 1698.
- 16. { MARY, 1700-1762; m. in 1736 Samuel Ellis (21).
- 17. { MIRIAM, 1700-1768; m. in 1735 Samuel Ellis (62).
- 18. EPHRAIM, 1702; settled in Medway.
- 19. RUTH, 1704; m. in 1730 Timothy Tingley of Attleboro.

20. JOSIAH, 1706: went to Mendon.
21. ANNA, 1708; m. in 1735 Hinsdale Clark (46).
- +22. EDWARD, 1710.
23. NATHANIEL, 1715-1719.

5.

WILLIAM² (William¹) had his homestead on Green Street, near where Mrs. Kennedy now lives. He married, first, Hannah Fisher (27), who died in 1726; second, Militiah, probably widow of Timothy Hamant (8). He died in 1750, his wife in 1747. Children: —

24. WILLIAM, 1695; settled in Walpole.
25. JOSEPH, 1699-1705.
26. HANNAH, 1702-1780; m. in 1728 Samuel Hamant (11).
- +27. SETH, 1706-1768.
28. MARY, 1709; received £50 from the estate in 1750.

22.

EDWARD³ (Nathaniel,² William¹) married in 1733 Sarah Jones. In 1746, he sold his place to John and Jonathan Wight; and in 1748 he and his wife asked dismission to the second church in Wrentham, now Franklin, where they probably located. Children: —

29. ELISHA, 1734-1787; went to Thomaston, Me.
30. ASA, 1736.
31. EDWARD, 1738.
32. SIMEON, 1741.
33. SILAS, 1744.

27.

SETH³ (William,² William¹) succeeded his father on Green Street. He married in 1728 Sarah Ellis (68), who died in 1781. He died in 1768, leaving a large and a small dwelling-house. The large one, doubtless then new, is probably the house now standing on that estate. Children: —

34. OLIVE, 1733-1733.
35. SETH, 1735-1736.
36. NATHAN, 1737-1805; retained possession of the homestead. He married in 1764 Lydia Ellis (31), who died in 1801; second, in 1802, Jane, widow of Joseph Plimpton (75), who died in 1845, aged eighty-six. He left no children.
- +37. ABEL, 1739.

37.

ABEL⁴ (Seth,³ William,² William¹) sold out his rights in estate to his brother Nathan in 1769. He was said to be the father of an illegitimate son, Abel, in 1765, by Hannah Cheney (42). He had a wife Miriam, who died in 1799, after having been sup-

ported by the town. Abel was at last supported by the town, and was found dead in a field near Pine Swamp in 1814. Children:—

- +38. OLIVER, 1766.
- 39. MIRIAM, 1768-1816; m. in 1793 Asa Wight (90).

38.

OLIVER⁵ (Abel,⁴ Seth,³ William,² William¹) married in 1794 Catherine Knowlton of Sherborn. In 1799, he appears to have been living with his uncle Nathan on Green Street. In 1807, he bought a small house which stood near Castle Hill. He died in 1831. His widow married in 1841 Jeremiah Smith (121), and died in 1855. Children:—

- 40. NATHAN, 1794.
- 41. SETH, 1796-1806.
- 42. SETH, 1807-1829.
- 43. SALLY, 1811-1830.
- 44. CYRUS, 1814-1835.

45.

JOHN PARTRIDGE is first mentioned here in 1653. He took up his house lot on the corner now owned by Hamlet Wight, embracing land on both sides of the way. He married in 1655 Magdalen Bullard (2). Her father specified a legacy to his son-in-law, John Partridge. The Indians burned his house and barn in 1676, with twenty bushels of corn, ten or eleven head of cattle, and two horses. His wife died the following year. He survived till 1706. He was chosen clerk of the market in 1672. Children:—

- +46. JOHN, 1656.
- 47. HANNAH, 1658; m. in 1679 Joseph Rockwood (7).
- 48. DEBORAH, 1662; m. in 1682 John Adams (4).
- +49. ELEAZAR, 1664.
- 50. { ABIEL, 1667-1667.
- 51. { EXPERIENCE, 1667-1667.
- 52. RACHEL, 1669-1717; m. Theophilus Clark (25).
- +53. SAMUEL, 1671.
- +54. ZECHARIAH, 1674.

46.

JOHN² (John¹) settled in what is now East Medway soon after the Indian war. In 1682, he sold the place on Bridge Street which had belonged to his wife's father to Michael Metcalf. He kept school on the "west side" in 1710, was active in the formation of the town of Medway, was on the committee to secure a minister for the new town in 1714, and afterward deacon of the church there. He married in 1678 Elizabeth Rockwood (6), who died in 1688; second, Elizabeth Adams (128), who died in 1718; third, in 1721, Hannah Sheffield. He died in 1743. Children:—

- 55. ELIZABETH, 1679-1706; m. in 1701 Ebenezer Daniel (16).
- 56. MARY, 1681; m. in 1706 Ebenezer Lawrence of Wrentham.

57. JOHN; mentioned in his father's will; probably the John who received a grant for building in 1701, and who married in 1708 Anna Pond, and settled in Franklin.
58. BENONI, 1687-1769; m. in 1709 Mehitable Wheelock (29).
59. JONATHAN, 1693; m. in 1717 Elizabeth Learned of Framingham; was in Medway in 1720; thought to have settled in Rutland.
60. HANNAH, 1696-1751; m. in 1713 Jeremiah Daniel (20).
61. DEBORAH, 1698; m. Israel Keith of Uxbridge.
62. JAMES, 1700-1769; m. in 1729 Kezia Bullard; lived in Medway.
63. SARAH, 1702; m. George Adams (182).
64. STEPHEN, 1706-1742; died in Medway.

49.

ELEAZAR² (John¹) inherited his father's homestead. In 1720, he bought a large tract of land in Bellingham, and removed there not long after. The old place seems to have come into the possession of his son-in-law David Ellis, who sold it in 1732 to Jonathan Wight. Eleazar married in 1692 Elizabeth Smith (17), who died in 1704; second, in 1705, Elizabeth Allen (160), who died in 1733. He died in 1736. Children:—

65. ELEAZAR, 1693; m. in 1715 Sarah Taylor; settled in Walpole.
66. JOSEPH, 1695; probably died in infancy.
67. ELIZABETH, 1696.
68. JOB, 1698; m. in 1724 Abigail Thompson; settled in Wrentham.
69. ABIGAIL, 1700; m. in 1727 Ephraim Clark (83).
70. RACHEL, 1702-1727; m. in 1725 David Ellis (22).
71. SILENCE, 1704-1704.
72. JOSEPH, 1706-1770; settled on his father's place in Bellingham.
73. DAVID, 1708.
74. PHEBE, 1709-1709.
75. BENJAMIN, 1713; settled in Bellingham.
76. ZECHARIAH, 1720.

53.

SAMUEL² (John¹) settled on the west side; was active in the formation of the new town, of which he was one of the first board of selectmen; afterward deacon of the Medway church. He married in 1701 Hannah Mason (110), who died in 1750. He died in 1752. Children:—

78. HANNAH, 1702; m. — Fisher.
79. THANKFUL, 1703.
80. SAMUEL, 1704.
81. EBENEZER, 1706. Ebenezer and Samuel appear to have settled in Franklin.
82. ABIGAIL, 1707.
83. { BENJAMIN, 1709-1709.
84. { SILENCE, 1709-1709.
85. MEHITABLE, 1710; m. — Grant.
86. JOSHUA, 1713.

Perhaps others are recorded in Medway.

54.

ZECCHARIAH² (John¹) settled in Medway. He married in 1701 Mary Ellis (10). He died in 1716, and his widow became the wife of John Barber (26). Children :—

- 87. MARY, 1702; m. Benjamin White of Dudley.
- 88. MAGDALEN, 1704; m. David Daniel in 1723.
- 89. SARAH, 1706; m. Joseph Green.
- 90. ZECCHARIAH, 1709. A Zechariah was dismissed to the church in Uxbridge in 1745.
- 91. ASA, 1712-1734.
- 92. PHEBE; probably born in Medway; m. William Smeed of upper Ashuelot.

PENNIMAN.

JAMES PENNIMAN was born in Braintree in 1695, son of Samuel. He married in 1722 Thankful Harding (31), and lived with his father-in-law on Bridge Street, at the place now owned by Perley Chase, which he afterward inherited. He was one of the selectmen in 1746. The house in which he lived was burned in 1749; and he sent the following petition to the General Court, June 10 of that year :—

“The petition of James Penniman of Medfield humbly sheweth,—

“That whereas on the 24th of April last the dwelling-house belonging to my honored father-in-law, Mr. Henry Harding and I wherein we dwell with our families was consumed by fire, and a considerable part of our goods consumed therein, and I was at that time possessed of and in my chest in my house upwards of one hundred pounds (old tenor) in bills of public credit, whereof was sixty-one pounds and four shillings in bills of public credit of the province of Mass. Bay in New England, all which I lost, it being consumed in said fire. Also my said Father-in-law lost as he testified and I doubt not but was consumed in said fire one bill of public credit of said province it being eight pounds, and my daughter, Thankful Penniman lost one bill of public credit of sd province it being six pounds (all old Tenor) all which amounts to seventy-five pounds and four shillings (old Tenor) all which we have no reason to doubt was consumed in said fire: therefore it is my humble request that your Excellency and your Honours will be pleased to order that the same be made good and paid out of the Province treasury to us respectively.”

JAMES PENNIMAN.
HENRY HARDING.
THANKFUL PENNIMAN.

These signers made oath to losing their money by the fire. Nathaniel Eames of Framingham testified that he bought a yoke of oxen of James Penniman in April, 1749, and paid him in money of old tenor.

"Ordered, that the petitioners be paid 18£ 16s. in consideration of their loss."

James died in 1767, his widow in 1794. Children :—

2. JAMES, 1725-1804; m. in 1750 Abigail Clark of Medway, where he spent his life; served in the French war from Medway.
3. THANKFUL, 1728-1820; m. in 1753 Robert Hinsdale (24).
4. MERCY, 1731-1731.
5. HENRY, 1732.
6. MERCY, 1740-1829; m. John Mason (41).

7.

NATHAN PENNIMAN was received to communion from the church in Medway in 1743. In 1744, he married Anna Barber (32), by whom he had one child, Silas, born in 1745, died the following year. Nathan also died in 1746, and his widow became the third wife of Joshua Bullard (31).

PERRY.

JOHN PERRY, from Roxbury, married in 1665 Bethia Morse (13). He settled in what became Sherborn; and the following of his children were recorded here, as this was the nearest town :—

2. JOHN, 1667.
3. NATHANIEL, 1671.
4. SAMUEL, 1674.
5. JOSEPH, 1674.

6.

DANIEL⁴ (Joseph,³ Joseph,² John¹) was born in Sherborn in 1724. After the death of his first wife, Mary, in 1756, he married in 1758 Thankful Morse (136), and at the death of her father came into possession of his place in the north part of the town. Daniel Perry was doubtless one of the most influential men in the town during the Revolutionary period. He was received to communion from the Sherborn church in 1775, and was chosen deacon in 1779. He served nine years as a member of the board of selectmen, and eight years as representative. He was also Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. He died in 1804, his widow in 1809. Children :—

7. SARAH, 1748-1800; m. Asa Albee (8).
8. JOSEPH, 1750-1784; m. in 1781 Keturah Turner. The house lately owned by I. C. Lane was built by his father for him at his marriage. His widow married in 1788 Aaron Leland of Sherborn.
9. ABIGAIL, 1751; said to have married Thomas Russell.
10. MARTHA, 1754; m. in 1780 Henry Holbrook of Wrentham, who resided here for a few years.
11. MARY, 1759; was dismissed to a church in Boston in 1809; was a teacher.
12. OLIVE, 1761-1850; unmarried.
13. LAVINIA, 1764-1842; m. in 1811 Amos Wight (104).

14.

ELEAZAR⁴ (Samuel,³ Samuel,² John¹) was born in Natick in 1750. He married in 1773 Esther Morse (105), who died in 1805; second, Bathsheba Clapp. He went to Douglas, where he lived for a few years; removed to Medway, thence to this town about 1782, and in 1786 bought of Seth Turner the place near the South School-house on South Street. This he sold in 1796 to Aaron Smith, and bought the place near the bridge on the road to Norfolk. The site of the house is yet seen on land belonging to Bonney Brothers. He died in 1830, his widow in 1861. Children:—

15. HANNAH, 1776-1855; m. in 1792 Stephen Tilden (1); second, in 1836, Amos Kingsbury (1).
16. RUBY, 1779-1812.
17. ELIZABETH, 1785-1807; m. in 1805 Shem Armsby (15).
18. REBECCA, 1790-1863; m. in 1811 Jacob Pond of Wrentham.
19. ELBRIDGE G., 1811-1847; m. in 1833 Abigail Whitney; died in Roxbury, where he held several offices under the city government.
20. RUBY E., 1814; m. in 1866 John Battelle of Dover.
21. ELIZABETH, 1816; m. Timothy Guy of Dedham.

PETERS.

WILLIAM PETERS was born in Andover in 1704, son of Samuel, and grandson of Andrew. He is called cordwainer; married in 1729 Hannah Chenery (12). She was sole heir to her father's estate, which was sold to Ephraim Chenery; and they removed to Medfield. In 1757, William Peters bought a place now embraced within the westerly part of the cemetery. Here he lived till 1781, when he sold it to Benjamin Callender, and went to reside with his son Adam. He died in 1788, his widow in 1799. Children:—

2. JOSEPH, 1729; settled in Mendon. A daughter of his, Abigail, died here in 1829.
3. BENJAMIN, 1731.
4. MARY, 1732; m. in 1757 Hezekiah Allen of Dedham.
- +5. ADAM, 1734.
6. EVE, 1737; m. in 1759 John Pepalow.
7. TAHPENES, 1740; m. in 1769 Gershom Dunton (4).
8. ANDREW, 1742; settled in Mendon.
- +9. JETHRO, 1744.
10. NATHAN, 1747; living in 1788.
11. FINIS, 1749; m. in 1784 Daniel Gookin of Dedham.

5. *

ADAM² (William¹) was a tanner, and had a tan-yard near where the brook crosses Main Street, west of the burying-ground. His house was near where that lately owned by Rev. C. C. Sewall now stands. He married in 1758 Olive Plimpton (49), who died in

1768; second, in 1769, Margaret, widow of Benjamin Dunton (1). He died in 1813, his widow in 1816. He served in the Revolutionary war, and was afterward captain in this town. Children:—

12. HANNAH, 1760-1850; m. in 1779 William Clark (171).
13. AMY, 1762-1762.
14. SARAH, 1767; m. Eleazar Ellis (49); second, James Forbes of Rutland.
15. AMY, 1770; m. Amasa Baker, North Yarmouth, Me.
- + 16. WILLIAM, 1772.
17. OLIVE, 1774-1776.
18. SAMUEL, 1776-1799; died at sea.
19. OLIVER, 1779; settled in Providence.
20. MARGARET, 1783-1785.

9.

JETHRO² (William¹) was a worker in leather, and settled in Northboro, after residing here for some time. He married Rachel Fairbanks, who died in 1792. He was town clerk in 1800, 1801, and 1802. Children:—

21. RACHEL; died in 1786.
22. PETER; died in 1789.
23. PEACE; born in 1783.

16.

WILLIAM³ (Adam,² William¹) succeeded his father in the homestead and the business of tanning. He married in 1794 Mary Ellis (107). He received a captain's commission in 1805; was on the board of selectmen in 1805, 1813, 1818, 1819, 1822, and 1824; representative in 1838. He died in 1843, his wife in 1835. Children:—

24. MARY, 1794-1876; m. in 1814 Dr. James Hewins (1).
25. AMY, 1802-1872; m. in 1823 Rev. Charles C. Sewall (1).

26.

ALEXANDER⁴ (Moses,³ Joseph,² William¹) married in 1809 Elizabeth Bullen (50). He resided in this town for several years, having bought the Fisher estate, which he sold in 1811 to Dr. Hewins. He removed from town about 1820. A sister of his, Mary Peters, died here in 1876. Children:—

27. JOSEPH, 1810
28. PRUDENCE B., 1813-1820.
29. SARAH B., 1816.
30. ELINOR, 1818.

PLIMPTON.

JOHN PLIMPTON, tailor, came over with the party headed by Winthrop. In 1640, he was in Roxbury, apprenticed to Mr. Alcock. In 1643, he was received to the church in Dedham, and was also made a freeman. The following year he was married to

Jane Damant or Damon, sister of Deacon John Damon of Reading, and a step-daughter of John Eaton of Dedham. In 1652, the town of Medfield gave him leave to fell trees upon the brook "to use about his house." His house lot was on Main Street, where William Kingsbury now lives; and his field was on the south side of the street, opposite the house. Spring Street now runs through it diagonally. His valuation in that year was £46. In 1669, he had increased it to £238.

In the spring of 1673, he emigrated to Deerfield; and, when Philip's war began, he was chief military officer there. In 1677, he, with Stockwell and Dickinson, three women and fourteen children, were captured and carried prisoners to Canada. Though most of this party were afterward ransomed, it is believed that John Plimpton was burned at the stake by the savages when near Chamby. His widow afterward returned to this vicinity, and in 1679 married Nicolas Hide.

2. HANNAH, 1645; m. in 1665 Nathaniel Sutcliffe (1); second, Samuel Harrington of Deerfield.
3. MARY, 1648-1736; m. in 1671 Nathaniel Johnson of Marlboro.
- +4. JOHN, 1650.
5. PETER, 1651-1717; settled in Marlboro.
- +6. JOSEPH, 1653.
7. MEHITABLE, 1655-1725; m. in 1676 Ephraim Hinsdale (8); second, in 1691, Joseph Cheney (9); third, in 1717, Jonathan Adams (3).
8. JONATHAN, 1657-1675; killed at Bloody Brook.
9. ELEAZAR, 1659-1660.
10. ELEAZAR, 1661; probably died in infancy.
11. LEDE, 1662-1662.
12. JANE, 1664-1664.
13. HENRY, 1665-1669.

4

JOHN² (John¹) was one of the one hundred and ten men who were mustered in three hours in the streets of Boston, as volunteers under Captain Moseley for the relief of Swanzey and Rehoboth in 1675. He was with that celebrated company at Swanzey, at Mount Hope and Pocasset, through the fighting in Plymouth County and in the Nipmuck country. About the last of August, they scoured the country as far as Concord, N.H., thence to Hadley, arriving four days before the disaster at Bloody Brook. Hearing the sound of that fight, Moseley's men hastened to the scene, and at once charged upon the Indians with tremendous bravery, cutting down all within reach. The Indians fled to a swamp, whither the English followed, and fought and hunted them there till they were compelled to seek safety in the distant forest. Shortly after, in the attack on Hatfield, Moseley's men did tremendous fighting. When the Narragansett campaign was organized and Moseley's company was mustered at Dedham, John Plimpton's name was in the list. He went through that fearful struggle, and appears to have escaped unhurt; though the com-

pany lost, in killed and wounded, nineteen men. In the spring of 1676, he was again in service under Lieutenant Sweat; and, in the summer and fall, he with a few kindred spirits was scouring the woods about here for traces of Indians, two of whom were taken and delivered over to the authorities at Boston. In the two succeeding years, he was back and forth between Medfield and Deerfield, and in 1678, in company with John Partridge, brought the news of the return of the captives to Deerfield.

He married in 1677 Elizabeth Fisher (5), who died in 1694; second, in 1696, Sarah Turner (8). He lived on the original homestead. Sergeant John was for four years a member of the board of selectmen. He died in 1704, and his widow became the wife of John Metcalf (2). Children:—

- +14. JOHN, 1680.
- +15. HENRY, 1684.
- 16. SARAH, 1700-1706.
- 17. ELIZABETH, 1702-1725; m. Jonathan Metcalf (16).

6.

JOSEPH² (John¹) had a grant in 1681 of "nine or ten rods of land to build upon, lying on the right hand of the road leading to harbor island, on the south side of that hill." Not long after, he had another grant of "a lot bounded by a way leading to harbor island on the south, by the way leading to Bridge St. on the north, by land of Gershom Wheelock on the west, and coming almost to a point eastwardly." This was without doubt the corner opposite the cemetery, where he probably built his house. In 1690, he bought the house and land belonging to the heirs of Gershom Wheelock, which was a short distance south-west of his own. He married in 1675 Mary Morse. At his death in 1702, his estate comprised two houses and a barn, besides a share in a saw-mill. His widow died in 1717. Children:—

- +18. JOSEPH, 1677.
- +19. JONATHAN, 1680.
- 20. JEREMIAH, 1683; m. Elizabeth Johnson (3); settled in Canterbury, Conn.
- 21. MARY, 1692; m. in 1709 Samuel Adams, Jr. (probably 192).

14.

JOHN³ (John², John¹) lived on the original homestead, although the estate seems never to have been fully settled in his day. He married in 1707 Susanna Draper, who survived his death in 1730, and married Stephen Sabin (10), and, third, Joseph Plimpton (18). Children:—

- +22. JOHN, 1708.
- 23. JAMES, 1709-1785; settled in Foxboro; m. in 1736 Lydia Lovell (17).
- 24. DANIEL, 1721-1778; settled in Sturbridge, where he became one of the most prominent citizens, held the office of colonel, and many town offices in Revolutionary times.
- 25. ELIZABETH, 1726-1757.

15.

HENRY³ (John,² John¹) received by his father's will a small house and a parcel of land on the north side of the brook, on what is now Frairy Street, besides outlands and one-fourth of a saw-mill. He located finally in the north part of the town, and his house stood on Pine Street, near where that recently built by David Plimpton now stands. He married in 1706 Mary Smith (24), who survived his death in 1731, and in 1732 became the wife of Jabez Pond of Dedham. Children:—

- 26. MARY, 1707-1782; m. in 1735 John Wight (47).
- 27. DAVID, 1708-1731.
- 28. SARAH, 1711-1798; m. in 1732 Jonathan Wight (46).
- +29. HENRY, 1714.
- 30. JOB, 1718-1797; settled in Medway.

18.

JOSEPH³ (Joseph,² John¹) appears to have inherited and lived upon the place that had belonged to his father, opposite the cemetery. He married in 1699 Priscilla Partridge (6), who died in 1738. The following year, he married Susanna, widow of Stephen Sabin, formerly wife of John Plimpton. He served the town as a member of the board of selectmen six years, and as representative to the General Court in 1720 and 1731. He died in 1740. Children:—

- +31. WILLIAM, 1700.
- 32. JOSEPH, 1702-1712.
- 33. PRISCILLA, 1704-1740; m. Deacon Ephraim Wheelock (36).
- +34. SIMON, 1707.
- 35. HANNAH, 1708-1766; m. in 1730 John Cutler (1).
- +36. NATHAN, 1711.
- +37. JOSEPH, 1713.
- 38. AMY, 1715-1782; m. in 1735 Ebenezer Dorr of Boston.

19.

JONATHAN³ (Joseph,² John¹) married in 1701 Bethia Fisk (4), and settled upon her father's farm in the north part of the town, now owned by Mr. Taber. He was a member of the board of selectmen eight years, town treasurer two years, and representative to the General Court in 1738, 1739, 1740. He died in 1749, his widow in 1750. Children:—

- 39. BENJAMIN, 1703-1731; m. in 1725 Hannah Smith (31); was in Dedham in 1729.
- 40. MARTHA, 1710-1788; m. in 1740 Timothy Guy.
- 41. JONATHAN, 1712-1712.
- 42. JONATHAN, 1714-1741.
- 43. EZEKIEL, 1716-1740.
- 44. SILENCE, 1718-1718.
- 45. BETHIA, 1720; m. in 1750 James Golding of Sherborn.
- +46. SILVANUS, 1722.

22.

JOHN⁴ (John,³ John,² John¹) followed in the line that retained possession of the original Plimpton homestead. In 1739, he settled the estate of his grandfather, who had died thirty-five years before. He married in 1731 Abigail Fisher (37), and died in 1756. His widow in 1771 became the wife of David Clark (62). Children :—

- 47. JOHN, 1732-1754.
- +48. AMOS, 1735.
- 49. OLIVE, 1737-1768; m. in 1758 Adam Peters (5).
- 50. ABNER, 1743-1814; settled in Sturbridge; afterward removed to Vermont.
- 51. UNITY, 1747-1828; m. Benjamin Boyden (41).

29.

HENRY⁴ (Henry,³ John,² John¹) appears to have resided upon the place that was his father's, at the north part of the town. He was a selectman in 1759-60. Soon after this, he removed to Boston; and in 1763 Henry Plimpton of Boston, wharfinger, deeded certain property. He returned to this town some years after. In 1776, Henry Plimpton was of Medfield. He married in 1734 Anna Pond, who died in 1750; second, in 1750, Abigail Bacon of Dedham. A third wife, Mehitable, died in 1797, aged seventy-six. Henry died in 1804. Children :—

- 52. ANNA, 1735.
- +53. DAVID, 1738.

31.

WILLIAM⁴ (Joseph,³ Joseph,² John¹) was a clothier by trade, and in 1724 received a grant from the town of a right to build a dam across the brook near the meeting-house for the purpose of a fulling-mill. This house stood on Main Street, east corner of Short Street. He married in 1725 Kezia Dwight (8). He served as a selectman in 1735. In 1753, he became a member of the Second Baptist Church in Boston. He died in 1770, and his wife in 1776. Children :—

- 54. ABIGAIL, 1726-1776; m. in 1750 Jesse Pratt (19).
- 55. MARY, 1728-1811; m. in 1750 Oliver Ellis (34).
- 56. CAROLINE, 1731-1821; m. in 1758 Moses Bullen (38).
- 57. WILLIAM, 1732-1781; settled in Sturbridge; afterward resided in Boston where he was an innholder.
- 58. GERSHOM, 1735; settled in Sturbridge.
- 59. AMY, 1737-1762; m. Jonathan Allen.
- 60. KEZIA, 1740-1828; m. in 1766 Henry Harding (47).
- 61. FREDERICK, 1743-1832; settled in Sturbridge; said to have gone from there to De Kalb, N.Y.

34.

SIMON⁴ (Joseph,³ Joseph,² John¹) was a housewright, and lived on the place opposite the cemetery. He married in 1735 Ruth

Morse (54). He was a surveyor of lands; surveyed in Medway in 1735; and in 1737 "Mr. Plimpton of Medfield" was called upon to fix the location of the meeting-house in Wrentham, west precinct, now Franklin. He died in 1798, his wife in 1806. Children:

- 62. TAMAR, 1736; m. in 1757 Timothy Clark of Medway.
- +63. SILAS, 1738.
- 64. PRISCILLA, 1740-1746.
- 65. ASAHEL, 1743-1744.
- 66. ASAHEL, 1745-1772; died in Boston; said to be a shop-keeper.
- +67. EZEKIEL, 1748.
- 68. OLIVER, 1750-1752.
- 69. PRISCILLA, 1753-1834; m. in 1772 Silas Allen (60).
- 70. OLIVER, 1757-1764.

36.

NATHAN⁴ (Joseph,³ Joseph,² John¹) was a weaver, and owned a house on North Street, near Main Street. He had a dye-house adjoining, with a right to drain the same through a ditch in Mr. Wheelock's land into the brook. He was one of those who appear to have been dissatisfied with the settlement of Rev. Mr. Townsend, and with others charged the parish church with breach of covenant. For this, he was forbidden to come to the communion or to take part in the action of the church; although the church voted "that Nathan Plimpton be requested to tune the psalm as heretofore." From this, it may be inferred that he was of a musical turn. He never returned to the old church, but was largely influential in the formation of the Baptist church in this town. He married in 1747 Abigail Clark (77), who died in 1813. He died in 1781. Daughter:—

- 71. PRISCILLA, 1748; m. Rev. Samuel West of Needham, afterward pastor of the Hollis Street Church, Boston.

37.

JOSEPH⁴ (Joseph,³ Joseph,² John¹) appears to have spent the last years of his life on the west side of Noon Hill, probably where traces of an old residence are found on the road leading from Norfolk to the upper bridge over Charles River. Two unmarried daughters were living there in the early part of this century. In 1741, he bought property near the corner of Main and Bridge Streets, where he seems to have been living in 1766. He married in 1742 Elizabeth Metcalf (20), who died in 1763. He died in 1773. Children:—

- 72. SARAH, 1742-1810.
- 73. { JOSEPH, 1745-1745.
- 74. { BENJAMIN, 1745-1745.
- +75. JOSEPH, 1746.
- 76. HANNAH, 1749-1782; m. in 1775 Sabin Mann (6).
- +77. BENJAMIN, 1752.
- 78. ELIZABETH, 1755-1837.
- 79. PHEBE, 1760; m. in 1784 John Day of Walpole.

46.

SILVANUS⁴ (Jonathan,³ Joseph,² John¹) inherited the homestead of his father on Canal Street. He was styled Captain Silvanus, and seems to have been a man of some note in town affairs, serving on the board of selectmen in 1761, 1779, and 1780. He married in 1749 Sibyl Allen (43), who died in 1753; second, in 1755, Hannah Phipps of Sherborn. He died in 1796, his widow in 1829, aged ninety-eight. Children:—

80. SARAH, 1750-1844; m. in 1790 Eleazar Wheelock (38).
81. JONATHAN, 1752; m. in 1779 Chloe Clark (210); lived for a while in Medway, afterward in Shrewsbury and Boylston.
82. HANNAH, 1756-1831; m. in 1789 Joseph Breck (9).
83. SILVANUS, 1757-1837; graduated at Harvard College in 1780, and settled as a physician in Woburn.
84. AUGUSTUS, 1759-1850; unmarried; inherited the homestead.
85. SIBYL, 1762-1848; unmarried.
86. PERSIS, 1765-1822.
87. CAROLINE, 1767-1816; m. in 1795 John Cheever of Wrentham.
88. MARY, 1771-1860; m. in 1796 Lovet Peters of Westboro.
89. LUCRETIA, 1773; m. in 1799 William Phipps of Dedham.

There was also a son John, not recorded here, born 1775; died 1852, in Southboro.

48.

AMOS⁵ (John,⁴ John,³ John,² John¹) was the last of the Plimpton name to possess the original homestead on Main Street. He was on the board of selectmen in 1782 and 1786. He married in 1756 Mary Guild of Walpole, who died in 1800, aged sixty-five; second, Widow Mary Breck of Sherborn. He died in 1808, and his grandson John Kingsbury came into possession of the place. Children:—

90. MOLLY, 1758-1813; m. in 1780 Joseph Cole (6); second, in 1785, Amos Kingsbury (1).
91. ELIZABETH, 1761-1766.
92. JOHN, 1763-1765.
93. AMOS, 1770-1800.
94. MERCY, 1772-1850; m. in 1795 Aaron Smith (178).

53.

DAVID⁵ (Henry,⁴ Henry,³ John,² John¹) resided on his father's homestead in the north-east part of the town. He married in 1761 Sarah Wight (73). He died in 1826, his wife in 1834, aged ninety-nine. Children:—

- +95. HENRY, 1762.
96. ELZAPHAN, 1764-1819; m. in 1788 Sally Hunt, and settled in Shrewsbury about 1792.
- +97. DAVID, 1768.
98. SARAH, 1774-1817; m. Daniel Chickering.
99. ANNA, 1779-1803; m. in 1803 Calvin Chickering.

63.

SILAS⁵ (Simon,⁴ Joseph,³ Joseph,² John¹) bought in 1783 the old saw-mill place at Noon Hill, where he appears to have lived until his father's death. In 1805, he sold that place to his son-in-law, Enos Smith, and came back to the homestead opposite the cemetery. He married in 1768 Esther Clark (151), who died in 1797. He died in 1818. Children: —

- 100. OLIVE, 1770; m. in 1793 Dr. Seth Smith (116); second, Joshua Stetson of Walpole.
- 101. RUTH, 1772; m. in 1793 Silvanus Adams of Medway.
- 102. AMY, 1774; m. in 1797 Enos Smith (200).
- 103. HANNAH, 1776; m. in 1796 Samuel Bullard of Sherborn; second, in 1801, Eliakim Adams of Medway.
- 104. KATY, 1777; m. in 1805 Jeremiah Boyden of Walpole.
- +106. WALES, 1782.
- 107. JOSEPH, 1784-1856; settled in Walpole.

67.

EZEKIEL⁵ (Simon,⁴ Joseph,³ Joseph,² John¹), known as "Captain Zeke," was a land surveyor and an active man in town affairs. In 1795, he was employed by the town to make copies of the original land grants, with indexes to the same. He was representative to the General Court in 1799. He married in 1779 Esther Boyden of Walpole. He lived, for a while at least, on the west side of Noon Hill. He died in 1817, his wife in 1824. Children: —

- 108. OLIVER, 1780-1797; died at sea.
- 109. CHARLOTTE, 1781; m. in 1803 Andrew C. Dorr of Boston.
- 110. SIBYL, 1782-1828; m. in 1807 Zechariah Lovell of Medway.
- 111. SIMON, 1784.
- 112. ASAHEL, 1786-1788.
- 113. LULU, 1787-1789.
- 114. ASAHEL, 1790; settled in Medway.
- 115. SULA, 1794-1878; m. in 1818 James Dupee of Walpole, afterward of Boston.
- 116. ESTHER, 1796-1868; m. in 1851 John Ellis (87).

Besides these, Alexander, not recorded here, born 1790, died in Sumatra, 1818.

75.

JOSEPH⁵ (Joseph,⁴ Joseph,³ Joseph,² John¹) married Widow Jane Basteen, daughter of John and Leah Mansell of Scituate, who survived his death in 1801, and became the wife of Nathan Partridge (36). Children: —

- 117. JOSEPH, 1790-1855; m. Mary Plimpton of Shrewsbury; second, Catherine Newton; lived in Boylston and Medfield; left several children.
- 118. HANNAH, 1793-1853; m. in 1827 Philander Ware of Franklin, and removed to Medfield about 1839, living at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets. She married, second, in 1850, Joel Everett (1).

77.

BENJAMIN⁵ (Joseph,⁴ Joseph,³ Joseph,² John¹) lived for a while on the place that had been his father's. About 1797, he removed to Marlboro, N.H. He married in 1784 Milly Rhodes of Walpole, who returned to Medfield, and died in 1837, aged seventy-three. Children:—

- 119. HANNAH, 1784; m. in 1806 Ebenezer Cheney (52).
- 120. PRISCILLA, 1785-1854; m. in 1811 Timothy Cheney (54).
- 121. MARY, 1787; m. William Richards.
- 122. MILLY, 1790-1873; m. Silas Fairbanks of Medway.
- 123. JULIA, 1792-1867; m. in 1840 Samuel W. Dudley of Boston.
- 124. SHUABEL, 1795-1836; lived in Arlington.
- 125. JONATHAN M., 1797-1866; settled in Ohio.
- 126. JAEL, 1805-1870; m. in 1823 Warren Chenery (52).

95.

HENRY⁶ (David,⁵ Henry,⁴ Henry,³ John,² John¹) married in 1792 Lois Smith of Walpole, born in 1766, daughter of Henry (75). He lived on the Walpole road, at the place lately owned by heirs of Isaac Guild, from 1791 to 1806. His wife died in 1800; and he married, second, in 1801, Catherine Boyden (61). He died in Sturbridge in 1842. Children:—

- 127. JOHN, 1792-1826.
- 128. EUNICE, 1793; m. in 1814 Nathan Pond of Walpole; second, in 1818, Daniel Pond, brother of her first husband.
- +129. AMOS, 1795.
- +130. WARREN, 1796.
- 131. ELIZA, 1798; m. in 1818 Caleb Fisher (84); second, in 1831, Daniel Pond; third, Joseph Hardy.
- 132. ANDREW, 1800-1800.
- 133. JABEZ, 1802-1877; lived in Sturbridge.
- 134. ISAAC, 1804-1840; lived in Sturbridge.

97.

DAVID⁶ (David,⁵ Henry,⁴ Henry,³ John,² John¹) succeeded his father on the home place. He married in 1792 Hannah Richardson (15). He died in 1837, his wife in 1843. Children:—

- +135. LEONARD, 1792.
- 136. HANNAH, 1794-1801.
- 137. CHARLOTTE, 1796-1870.
- 138. JAMES R., 1798-1827.
- 139. HANNAH, 1803-1806.
- 140. WILLIAM, 1807; lived in Walpole.
- +141. DAVID, 1811.

106.

WALES⁶ (Silas,⁵ Simon,⁴ Joseph,³ Joseph,² John¹) lived on the estate by the cemetery, and had charge of burials for a long time. He was commissioned as captain in 1810; served on the board of selectmen in 1811, 1819, and 1826. He married in 1806 Thankful Bullard (55), who died in 1807, with her only child.

He married, second, in 1809 Sarah Bullard (52), who died in 1828; third, in 1829, Lucy Morse of Walpole, who died in 1849. He died in 1851. Children:—

142. CAROLINE, 1811-1831.
143. OLIVE, 1814-1817.
144. SARAH, 1815-1861; m. in 1836 Josiah A. Blake of Medway.
145. CATHERINE, 1816-1855; m. Fred. Newell.
146. OLIVE, 1819; m. Captain George Newell, Framingham.
147. WILLIAM, 1822; lives in Oregon.
148. SIMON, 1823; lives in Oregon.
149. SILAS B., 1826; lives in Oregon.
150. AMY, 1827-1828.
151. LUCY C., 1832; m. in 1857 Orson D. Young, Oregon.
152. FRANK W., 1833-1863; died in the army, Twenty-eighth Wisconsin Regiment.
153. GEORGE LOWELL, 1836; m. in 1881 Ellen M. Parker (7).
154. CHARLES FRED., 1840; went to Oregon.

129.

AMOS⁷ (Henry,⁶ David,⁵ Henry,⁴ Henry,³ John,² John¹) married in 1827 Betsey Fisher (83). He died in 1852, his widow in 1881. Daughter:—

155. ADALINE M., 1829; m. William M. Smith, who died in 1881.

130.

WARREN⁷ (Henry,⁶ David,⁵ Henry,⁴ Henry,³ John,² John¹) married in 1821 Mary Fisher (59), and lived upon a part of her father's estate in Dingle Dell. His wife died in 1852, and he married in 1857 Mary A. Maynard. He died in 1880. Children:—

156. LOIS, 1821; m. in 1847 William R. Williams.
157. BETSEY, 1823; m. in 1850 Reuben E. Fisk of Holliston.
158. EDMUND O., 1827-1878; m. in 1848 Mary E. Fuller of Boston, who died in 1851. Two children were born here, who died in infancy. He married second, in 1857, Lois Hayden of Marlboro.
159. ANDREW F., 1829; m. in 1868 Catherine Waite of Milford.
160. MARY L., 1832; m. in 1852 Rufus L. Chandler; second, George Rice; third, in 1863, F. A. Wiley of Westboro.
161. WARREN H., 1835; m. in 1859 Lucy Campbell.
162. JOHN L., 1837; m. in 1866 Marion Hayes of Holliston.
163. HARRIET M., 1840-1876; m. Albert Cleale of Sherborn.
164. ABBY L., 1858.

135.

LEONARD⁷ (David,⁶ David,⁵ Henry,⁴ Henry,³ John,² John¹) married in 1819 Sarah T. Lane of Scituate. After a residence of a few years in Medfield, he removed to Walpole; died in 1873. Children:—

165. HENRY R., 1820; furniture dealer in Boston.
166. JOANNA L., 1822; m. in 1845 Henry Clark.

167. JAMES A., 1824-1825.
168. SARAH E., 1826-1856.
169. JAMES L., 1828; furniture dealer in New York.
170. MARY A., 1830.
171. HANNAH E., 1833.
172. GEORGE L., 1835-1854.
173. FRANCIS M., 1837-1838.

141.

DAVID⁷ (David,⁶ David,⁵ Henry,⁴ Henry,³ John,² John¹) married in 1840 Eunice M. Ware of Walpole, who died in 1881. Children:—

174. DAVID E., 1843-1881.
175. ELIZABETH, 1845; m. in 1862 William F. Guild.
176. CAROLINE L., 1846; m. in 1877 John J. Demerritt.
177. FREDERICK W., 1850.

178.

GEORGE⁷ (Ziba,⁶ Ziba,⁵ James,⁴ John,³ John,² John¹) was born in Sharon in 1808. He married in 1830 Mary Tolman of Sharon, where he resided until his death in 1867, after which the family removed to Medfield. Children:—

179. GEORGE P., 1831-1833.
180. MARY J., 1832-1887; m. in 1852 Jeremiah B. Hale.
181. GEORGE H., 1834-1857.
182. JOSEPHINE, 1836.
183. FRANCES E., 1838; m. in 1858 Samuel I. Monk, who died in 1859; second, in 1865, George R. Braman.
184. EUNICE T., 1840; m. in 1863 Charles F. White.
185. CHARLES P., 1843.
186. WALTER S., 1845-1845.
187. MELVIN G., 1848.
188. SARAH H., 1851-1857.

PRATT.

JOHN PRATT was the son of John of Dorchester. He came to Medfield in 1655, and was accepted as a townsman. John settled on the place that had belonged to Henry Glover, who died in 1655, on North, opposite Pine Street. He married in 1661 Rebecca Colburn of Dedham; died in 1707. Children:—

2. REBECCA, 1662-1682.
3. MARY, 1663-1743; m. in 1687 Samuel Wight (15).
- +4. JOHN, 1665.
5. SAMUEL, 1668-1674.
6. HANNAH, 1670; m. John Eaton, probably of Reading.
7. TIMOTHY, 1672-1672.
8. NATHANIEL, 1673-1674.
9. PRISCILLA, 1674; m. in 1700 Samuel Bushnell of Saybrook, Conn.

10. JOSEPH, 1677-1677.
11. MEHITABLE, 1678-1678.
12. SARAH, 1678-1750; m. in 1702 Samuel Clark (38).
13. ELIZABETH, 1682-1702; m. in 1700 Timothy Clark (28).
14. DEBORAH, 1684-1706; m. in 1703 Henry Smith (20).

4.

JOHN² (John¹) settled in Reading. He married in 1691 Sarah Batchelder, who died in 1751, aged eighty. He died in 1744. Son :—

- +15. JOHN, 1692.

Five other children settled in Reading.

15.

JOHN³ (John,² John¹) was a joiner by trade. He came from Reading to Medfield, perhaps in early life, to live with his grandfather. At all events, he inherited his estate. He married in 1717 Mehitable Mason (9). She died in 1745; and he married second, in 1746, Hannah, widow of John Ellis (8). He was chosen deacon of the old church in 1746. He died in 1753, his widow in 1760. Children :—

16. SARAH, 1718-1746; m. in 1740 Seth Wight (58).
17. MEHITABLE, 1721; m. in 1745 Daniel Sanders of Walpole.
18. JOHN, 1725; said to be of Reading in 1760.
- +19. JESSE, 1727.
20. HANNAH, 1729-1748.
21. ELIZABETH, 1731; m. in 1763 Rev. Nathan Webb.

19.

JESSE⁴ (John,³ John,² John¹) possessed his father's homestead. In 1756, he bought the town's land lying between his house and Dale Street, twelve acres. There seems to have been a house on the north-east side of the street in his day, besides the one in which he lived. He married in 1750 Abigail Plimpton (54), who died of small-pox in 1776. He died in 1770. Children :—

- +22. JESSE, 1751.
23. SHUBAEL, 1753-1816; was a physician.
24. JOHN, 1756-1757.
- +25. SIMEON.
26. JOHN, 1761.
27. ABIGAIL, 1764.

22.

JESSE⁵ (Jesse,⁴ John,³ John,² John¹) married in 1774 Kezia Allen of Dedham; inherited the house on the north-east side of the way, on the spot now owned by N. F. Harding. He died in 1776, leaving one son, Ira, who in 1798 married Elizabeth Breck of Sherborn, where he settled. Kezia, widow of Jesse, married in 1800 Joseph Johnson (7), who came to Medfield, and

lived in the house that had belonged to the Pratt family. The old house west of the road seems to have disappeared in 1798, but the barn still remained.

25.

SIMEON⁵ (Jesse,⁴ John,³ John,² John¹) inherited a portion of the original homestead on the west side of the road, which he disposed of, and removed from town. He was living in Sudbury in 1793, and died in 1802. He married in 1783 Mary Ellis (45), who returned to Medfield, and died here in 1854, aged ninety-four. Children :—

- 28. POLLY, 1784-1805.
- 29. HORACE, 1786-1808.
- 30. JOHN, 1788-1789.
- 31. JOHN, 1790-1812.
- 32. SHUBAEL, 1792-1816.
- 33. ABIGAIL, 1796-1817.

PRENTISS.

THOMAS PRENTISS was the son of Rev. Joshua Prentiss of Holiston, and was born in 1747. He graduated from Harvard College in 1766, and studied theology with his father. He began to preach in 1769; and in May, 1770, he received a call to settle in Medfield at a salary of £71 9s. 4d., and an encouragement of £160. He was ordained Oct. 31, 1770, and was married the same day to Abigail Bigelow of Weston.

The following year, he bought of Simeon Cutler the place on North Street, now owned by George Davis, which was his homestead during life. His wife died in 1786, leaving no children; and in 1789 he married Mercy, daughter of Dr. John Scollay of Boston. His salary being insufficient for the expenses of his family, he not only adopted a very simple style of living, but usually had four or six lads in his family to fit for college. He was a member of several religious and charitable associations, and was a man of influence in the Congregationalist churches of this region, often preaching on occasions of public interest. Fifteen printed discourses of his are mentioned. No portrait of him is known to exist. He is described in old age as having hair as white as snow, which he wore in long, natural curls on his shoulders. He died in 1814, his widow in 1841. Children :—

- 2. MARY, 1790-1849; m. in 1817 Rev. Rufus Hurlbut of Sudbury.
- 3. ABIGAIL, 1791-1848; m. in 1822 Jeremiah Baker of West Dedham.
- 4. THOMAS, 1793-1817; entered Harvard College at the age of fourteen, graduated in 1811. In 1812, he taught the Brookline grammar school; was licensed to preach in 1814, and in 1817 was settled first pastor of the Harvard Church in Charlestown, where he died of typhus fever a few months afterward.

5. ELIZABETH, 1794; m. in 1835 Israel Trask of Beverly.
6. CATHERINE, 1796-1833; m. in 1828 Dr. Thomas Stearns of Sudbury; taught school here in 1818.
7. HENRY, 1798-1839; graduated at Harvard College in 1817; settled as a physician in Gloucester; taught school here in 1818.
8. JOHN, 1799-1861; graduated at Harvard in 1818; taught school here in 1817; became president of Baltimore College, and in his last years he resided at a place near Baltimore, which he named Medfield. He was killed by a railroad accident, while going to procure the discharge of a minor son of his who had been inveigled into the rebel army.
9. MERCY S., 1801-1877; m. in 1840 George Davis, and inherited the homestead.
10. WILLIAM, 1803-1834; graduated at Harvard in 1825. He was a teacher in Baltimore, where he also studied law; came to Boston for a surgical operation, and died in the hospital.

RICHARDS.

LEWIS M. RICHARDS, son of Calvin and Lucinda (Leland) Richards, was born in Dover in 1823. After serving time and working at the trade of blacksmithing for a few years in Medway, about 1845 he came to Medfield to work in Partridge's fork factory. He married in 1846 Eliza J. Harding, daughter of Theophilus and Mary of Medway. Since 1872, he has been a dealer in coal and wood. Children:—

2. ELLA, 1847; m. in 1865 William Crane.
3. EMMA F., 1850-1851.
4. MARY FRANCES, 1853-1873; m. in 1875 William Bowers.
5. ADDISON M., 1858-1879; m. in 1879 Ella A. Bullard of Walpole, who died in 1880.
6. EMMA L., 1863.

RICHARDSON.

JOHN RICHARDSON was the son of John of Watertown. He was at Wells in 1673, but it is supposed that the unsettled state of the claims in that part of the country and the hostility of the Indians induced him to seek settlement in this direction. The first we hear of John is in September, 1676, when he is credited with a month's service in the Medfield garrisons. In 1678, he had a grant from the town of land on the west side of the river; and in 1679 he married Rebecca Clark (10). He died in 1697, and his widow became the wife of John Hill. Children:—

2. JOHN, 1679-1759; m. Esther Breck of Sherborn; was a prominent citizen of Medway.
3. ELIZABETH, 1681; died prior to 1711.
4. DANIEL, 1685-1747; settled in Medway.
- +5. JOSEPH, 1687.
6. MEHITABLE, 1689; died prior to 1711.
7. REBECCA, 1697; m. in 1712 Eleazar Hill.

5.

JOSEPH² (John¹) settled on the east side of the river. He married in 1706 Hannah Barber (14), the last survivor of her father's family and sole heir to the estate on Main Street now owned by heirs of Bradford Curtis. His wife died in 1755; and he married Elizabeth, widow of Solomon Clark (19), who died in 1766. He died in 1768. Children:—

- 8. JOSEPH, 1707.
- 9. MARY, 1708-1774; m. in 1745 Thomas Wight (24).
- 10. SAMUEL, 1713-1811; settled in Wrentham.
- +11. JAMES, 1715.
- +12. SETH, 1719.
- 13. EBENEZER, 1722.
- 14. PETER, 1723-1748.

11.

JAMES³ (Joseph,² John¹) came into possession of the Thurston homestead, where James Hewins now lives. He married in 1768 Hannah Clapp of Walpole, daughter of Stephen, who died in 1776; second, in 1785, Bathsheba Richardson of Medway. He was a member of the board of selectmen in 1758. He died in 1790. Children:—

- 15. HANNAH, 1769-1843; m. in 1792 David Plimpton (97).
- 16. JAMES, 1771-1858; graduated at Harvard College in 1797; taught school here in 1791-1794; settled as a lawyer in Dedham; was a delegate from that town to the convention for revising the constitution in 1816. He married Sarah E. Richards of Dedham.

12.

SETH³ (Joseph,² John¹) inherited the home place of his father. He married in 1746 Bathsheba Morse (60), who died in 1750; second, in 1751, Dinah, widow of Samuel Clark (91). About 1770, he removed to a place called New Rutland, and the following year asked for a letter of dismission from the Medfield church. He was recommended as one who, notwithstanding his dissent in opinion, had exhibited a Christian temper and conversation. The house which he had occupied, said to have been built in 1735, was moved in 1780 to the corner of North Street, where, having been remodelled, it is still occupied as a residence. Children:—

- 17. SILAS, 1748; m. Silence Daniels of Medway, and went to Rutland district, now Barre, afterward to Chesterfield, N.H.
- 18. BATHSHEBA, 1750; probably died in infancy.
- 19. BATHSHEBA, 1752.
- 20. PAUL, 1754.
- 21. PETER, 1755.
- 22. JONATHAN, 1758.
- 23. SETH, 1760.
- 24. GEORGE, 1762.
- 25. CHARLES, 1765.

26.

MOSES⁵ (Moses,⁴ Moses,³ John,² John¹) was born in Medway in 1778. He married Patty, daughter of Dr. Aaron Wight (78). He bought in 1803 the estate of Dr. James Gerauld, where he kept a tavern for some years. He served as a selectman six years. His wife died in 1854; and he married, second, Rebecca Harts-horn of Dover. He died in 1859. Children:—

- 27. ABIGAIL, 1804-1855; m. Simeon Richardson (29).
- 28. MARTHA, 1806; m. Warren Colburn of Dedham.

29.

SIMEON⁵ (Simeon,⁴ Moses,³ John,² John¹) was born in Medway in 1799. He married Abigail Richardson (27), removed to Medfield, where he worked at his trade as a cooper. He built the stone house in the easterly part of the town, lately destroyed by fire, was a member of the board of selectmen in 1843 and 1844. His wife died in 1854, and he married in 1856 Huldah Harlow. He died in 1874. Children:—

- 30. MOSES, 1822; resided in Dedham.
- 31. { MARY, 1835-1871.
- 32. { MARTHA, 1835; m. in 1857 Chapman S. Ricker.
- 33. EMMA F., 1860.

ROBERTS.

ROBERT ROBERTS was born in Plymouth in 1800. During his early years, the family resided in Boston, and were possessed of large wealth. At his majority, he came into possession of a fortune of \$200,000. In 1824, he married Adaline Rowe, daughter of James, of Boston. A year or two afterward, he purchased the homestead of Dr. Danielson in Medfield, and removed hither. The place is that now owned by Charles Dunn. Though naturally genial and having good abilities, together with affable manners, his early years were marked by habits of dissipation; but during the latter part of his life this was entirely reformed. His first wife died in 1851; and the following year he married Helen M. Brown, grand-daughter of Dr. Sanders (1). He then sold his place and removed to the Sanders homestead, which he improved, and, indeed, substantially rebuilt. He died in 1872.

ROCKWOOD.

NICOLAS ROCKWOOD was the son of Richard of Braintree. His house lot was on Bridge Street, a little westward of where Charles Russell now lives. His first wife, Jane, died in 1654, and he married in 1656 Margaret Holbrook. She died in 1670; and in 1675 he married Silence Duntling, who died in 1677. He was burned out by the Indians in 1676. The house was rebuilt, and it was

deeded to his son-in-law, John Partridge. Nicolas, in 1678, exchanged land on this side for a grant west of the river; and it is probable that after the death of his third wife he lived with one of his sons on the west side.

The estate of Nicolas included no houses. He died in 1680. This name is often spelled Rocket in the old records. Children:

- +3. SAMUEL.
- +4. JOSIAH.
- +5. BENJAMIN, 1651.
- 6. ELIZABETH, 1657-1688; m. in 1678 John Partridge (46).
- 7. JOSEPH, 1659; m. in 1679 Hannah Partridge (47), who had one child, Hannah, in 1680, and died the same year. Joseph died in Swansea in 1693.
- +8. JOHN, 1662.
- 9. NATHANIEL, 1665-1726; m. in 1698 Joanna Ellis (60); settled in Wrentham.
- 10. ISAAC, 1677-1677.

3.

SAMUEL² (Nicolas¹) was a tanner by trade. In 1667, his father secured a grant of "four acres, bounded east by the brook, taking in the brook at the north-east corner, being granted for the encouragement of his son Samuel to set up the business of tanning, a cartway to lie through the end next to the brook." This tanyard was near the crossing on Railroad Street. He married in 1671 Hannah Ellis (4). He was on the board of selectmen in 1709, 1710, 1712, 1714, and 1715; chosen deacon in 1710. His first wife died in 1717; and he married in the following year Sarah Haws of Dedham, widow of Nathaniel. He died in 1728, and gave his estate to his grandson Samuel Hinsdale (15). Children:

- 11. HANNAH, 1673-1730; m. John Hill (4).
- 12. SUSANNA, 1675-1712; m. Samuel Hinsdale (14); second, Ebenezer Thompson.
- 13. SAMUEL, 1677-1684.
- 14. ABIGAIL, 1679-1696; m. in 1696 Joshua Wight (13).
- 15. ELEAZAR, 1681-1693.
- 16. PATIENCE, 1682-1683.
- 17. JOSEPH, 1686; probably died young.
- 18. DELIVERANCE, 1689-1692.

4.

JOSIAH² (Nicolas¹) settled on the west side of the river. He married in 1677 Mary Twichell (3), who died in 1699; second, in 1703, Sarah, widow of Samuel Wheelock (5). He died in 1728. Children:

- 19. ISRAEL, 1677-1704; was a soldier.
- 20. JOHN, 1679.
- 21. MARY, 1681-1762; m. in 1711 Samuel Turner (18).
- 22. BETHIA, 1683; m. in 1712 William Burgess.

23. MEHITABLE, 1686-1763; m. in 1709 John Allen (12); second, in 1755, Samuel Clark (38).
24. HANNAH, 1691; died young.
25. JOANNA, 1693; m. Gershom Wait of Sutton.
26. HANNAH, 1696; m. Joshua Whitney of Uxbridge.

5.

BENJAMIN² (Nicholas¹) went as a soldier to the eastward in Philip's war. July 4, 1677, "Ben: Rockett of Medfield" is reported wounded at Salem,— "two shots in thigh."

In 1742, being then ninety-one years of age, he sent a petition for aid to the General Court:—

"Benjamin Rockwood, Sen., of Wrentham, on account of being twice wounded in the eastward about the time of Philip's war, and having taken a sudden cold, he was sent to Salem for the cure of his wounds, and his recovery. He was there a quarter of a year before he could be removed home, and had never fully recovered, but was left in habitual ill state of health, and was dependent on others." He had received no pay, and was supported by his eldest son-in-law, William Mann, Sen., and asks a grant of unappropriated land for William Mann. The said Mann testifies "that his father Rockwood is a man of verity and truth, and that his statement can be confirmed by his aged Medfield acquaintance where he was born." His neighbors in Wrentham also send a statement that they "verily believe that his ill state of health was occasioned by the hard service that happened to him at Blackpoint under command of Capt. Swet." The court granted him £4 a year during life. He married in 1678 Judith Ellis (53), having settled in Wrentham somewhat earlier. He is said to have been the man who discovered the trail leading to Indian Rock. He was one of the constituent members of the Wrentham church. He died in 1747. Children:—

27. BETHIA, 1679; m. William Mann of Wrentham.
28. JUDITH, 1680.
29. MARY, 1683-1763; m. in 1708 Samuel Fisher (11).
30. PATIENCE, 1686.
31. HEZEKIAH, 1688-1689.

8.

JOHN² (Nicholas¹) settled on the west side. He married in 1688 Bethia Twichell. He was constable in 1709, and sealer of weights and measures the next year. He was also the first town clerk of Medway. His children are recorded here. He married, second, in 1710 Sarah Adams (129). He died in 1746. Children:—

32. BETHIA, 1689; m. in 1711 Daniel Lawrence.
33. JOHN, 1690-1706.
34. JOSEPH, 1692-1774; settled at Oxford.
35. SAMUEL, 1695-1754; m. Mary White of Mendon; lived in West Medway.

36. BENJAMIN, 1697; m. Rachel Morse; went to Grafton.
37. DEBORAH, 1700.
38. HEZEKIAH, 1702-1757; settled in Medway on the homestead.
39. JOHN, 1706; m. in 1733 Hannah Fisher of Dedham; settled in Hopkinton.

ROWE.

WILLIAM D. ROWE was born in Boston in 1812. He lived in this town while a boy with his brother-in-law, Robert Roberts. In 1841, he married Lydia A. Hamant (51), and resided for a year or two in Dedham, after which, for several years, on the estate which had belonged to her father on High Street. In 1850, he built the house east of the cemetery. He died in 1884. Daughter:—

2. MARY A., 1843; m. in 1864 William Marshall (4).

RUGGLES.

JOSIAH RUGGLES of Dover came from Medway to Medfield about 1799. He lived for some time in a house that stood on the west side of Frairy Street, nearly opposite the wire factory. It is not known that he owned real estate here. He married in 1793 Susan Newell. Children:—

2. JOSEPH, 1798-1873; m. Betsey, daughter of James Forbes of Rutland, who died in 1864, aged fifty-eight.
3. MARY, 1800.
4. JOHN, 1802.
5. THOMAS, 1804-1859; left one daughter, Mary E., born 1849.
6. JOHN, 1807-1808.
7. OBED, 1813.

RUSSELL.

ARNOLD RUSSELL was born in Sherborn in 1778. He was the son of Thomas Russell and wife, Abigail Perry (9). Thomas was living in Medfield in the year 1783. Arnold married in 1806 Charity Lovell (40), and inherited her father's homestead on Bridge Street. He died in 1853, his wife in 1856. Children:—

- +2. DANIEL P., 1807.
- +3. ARNOLD, 1809.
4. MARY, 1811; m. in 1842 Henry Harding (86).
5. HARRIET, 1816; m. in 1864 Nathaniel Bird of Walpole.

2.

DANIEL P.² (Arnold¹) lived on the Lovell place on Bridge Street. He married in 1832 Polly Hamant (48). He died in 1875. Children:—

6. ABIGAIL L., 1834; m. in 1883 John Clark of Medway.
7. CHARLES H., 1836; m. in 1874 Rhoda Clark of Medway.
8. WALTER, 1843-1867; m. in 1866 Catherine Bruce (5).

3.

ARNOLD² (Arnold¹). He married Margaret ——; died in 1860. Children:—

- 9. HARRIET E., 1843; m. in 1862 Lewis Golding.
- 10. WILLIAM, 1844.
- 11. GEORGE L., 1847.
- 12. FRANCIS H., 1850.
- 13. JOSEPH P., 1853.
- 14. EDMUND O., 1858-1861.

SABIN.

WILLIAM SABIN was one of the original settlers of Rehoboth, and a man of considerable property and influence. His first wife died about 1660; and he married, second, Martha Allen (4) in 1663. He had twelve children by the first marriage, and eight by the second. He died in 1687. We trace the following of his children:—

- +2. BENJAMIN, 1646.
- 3. EXPERIENCE, 1648-1728; m. in 1672 Samuel Bullen (2).
- 4. MARY, 1652-1674; m. Nathaniel Allen (7).
- 5. ABIGAIL, 1653-1721; m. in 1674 Joseph Bullen (6).
- 6. HANNAH, 1654-1730; m. in 1673 Joseph Allen (8).

2.

BENJAMIN² (William¹) was in Rehoboth till the Indian troubles in 1676 caused him to remove to Roxbury. In 1686, he purchased a tract of land at Woodstock, afterward Pomfret, Conn. He married, first, Sarah Polley; second, Sarah Parker. We trace the following among his children:—

- 7. SARAH, 1679-1704; m. in 1703 Samuel Adams (173).
- +8. NEHEMIAH, 1681.
- 9. EXPERIENCE, 1686-1771; m. in 1705 David Morse (128).
- +10. STEPHEN.

8.

NEHEMIAH³ (Benjamin,² William¹) married in 1702 Elizabeth Boyden (10). In 1705, he received a grant of land for a house which was near Mt. Nebo, evidently at the place called "Goudy." About 1716, he removed to Pomfret, Conn. He died in 1746. In Medfield, he had four children:—

- 11. ABIGAIL, 1703.
- 12. SARAH, 1709.
- 13. ELIZABETH, 1711.
- 14. NEHEMIAH, 1713.

10.

STEPHEN³ (Benjamin,² William¹) kept school here in 1716. The next year, then said to be late of Pomfret, Conn., he bought ten acres of land of his uncle, Samuel Bullen, who had married his

father's sister. In 1720, Samuel gave him the homestead, he to give him life maintenance. The same year he was chosen town treasurer. In 1721, he kept school again. He married in 1718 Elizabeth, daughter of John Mason of Dedham. She died in 1730; and he married Susanna, widow of John Plimpton (14), who survived him, and married Joseph Plimpton (18). At his death, he owned a farm-house besides his dwelling-house, which, from the various references to it, we are quite sure was that formerly owned by his brother Nehemiah. He owned also an Indian boy, valued at £9. He died in 1737, and the estate passed into the hands of his son-in-law, Richard Mann. Children:—

15. SARAH, 1718-1748; m. Richard Mann (1).
16. ELIZABETH, 1720-1744.
17. PATIENCE, 1722-1751; m. in 1741 Simon Harding (42).
18. PHEBE, 1725-1745.
19. STEPHEN, 1727-1744.
32. ABIGAIL, 1729; probably died young.

SALISBURY.

WILLIAM SALISBURY was born in Brattleboro, Vt., in 1783. He early went to Derby Line, Vt., where he married Sarah Pettis, who died about 1810. While at Derby Line, he was postmaster, also tavern and store keeper, besides running a farm. He married in 1814 Mary Holland of Walpole, N.H., and in 1829 removed to Groton, Mass., whence he removed to Medfield in 1841. He bought the place on Elm Street of John W. Adams, where he resided until his death in 1857. His wife died in 1856. Children:—

2. SOPHIA E., 1802-1882; m. Ephraim Parsons of Derby Line; second, in 1841 Benjamin F. Lindsay of Winchester, Mass.
3. WILLIAM H., 1804-1868; resided in Sharon, Mass.
4. ELIZA, 1808-1877; m. Foster Lamson of West Randolph, Vt.
5. SARAH, 1810-1885; m. in 1832 P. G. Prescott of Groton, Mass.
6. MARY H., 1815-1849; m. Jesse A. Strange, St. Louis, Mo.
7. HARRIET L., 1817-1843; died at St. Charles, Mo.
8. CHARLES P., 1819-1883.
9. STELLA L., 1820-1821.
10. STELLA L., 1823-1860; died at Marlboro, Mass.
11. ELLEN A., 1825; m. in 1851 Levi L. Stevens of Marlboro; one son, Waldo L., born in Medfield, 1852.
12. ANN M., 1827; resides in Marlboro.

SANDERS.

DANIEL C. SANDERS was born in Sturbridge in 1768. His father and mother were both of Medfield stock, though residents of Sturbridge before their marriage. His father was Michael, son

of Daniel Sanders, who married in 1715 Sarah Metcalf (13). His mother was Azubah, daughter of Moses Clark (47). His father died of consumption in 1773, and his mother married Ebenezer Fisher of Needham, and removed to that town in 1775.

He was fitted for college by Rev. Samuel West of Needham, and graduated from Harvard in 1788. In 1789, he was made preceptor in the Cambridge High School. He studied theology with Dr. Prentiss of Medfield, taught the North School here in 1790, and was licensed to preach in the same year by the Dedham Association. His first sermon was preached at Medfield. He married Nancy, daughter of Dr. Jabez Fitch of Canterbury, Conn. He was ordained as pastor of the church in Vergennes, Vt., in 1794. In 1798, he preached the Election Sermon. He resigned his pastoral charge to assume the presidency of the University of Vermont, to which he had been elected in 1800, and received the degree of D.D. from Harvard College in 1809. In 1814, the buildings being occupied by the American troops, his family left Burlington May 14, the British flotilla appearing before the town and bombardment being expected.

He came to Medfield in September, and was installed here in the following spring. In 1817, he preached the Artillery Election Sermon in Boston. He was a member of the convention for the revision of the constitution in 1820-21. He preached on many occasions of public interest, and several of his addresses were printed. The first historical sketch of the town was prepared by him, and delivered as a sermon in 1817. After the division of the church and the organization of the Orthodox Congregationalist church, he signified his readiness to withdraw from the pastoral relation; and on May 24, 1829, his ministry ended.

He continued to reside in town, however, his homestead, which he bought in 1818, being that now owned and occupied by Henry S. Brown; and he filled many positions of trust in town affairs. He was representative to the General Court in 1832, 1833, 1834, and 1835, was a member of the board of selectmen repeatedly, and prominent on the school committee for several years. He died in 1850, and his wife in the same year. Children:—

2. LAURA H., 1798-1870; m. in 1818 David S. Brown of New York.
3. MIRANDA W.; m. in 1822 Amos Parker of Concord, N.H.
4. HENRY F., 1804-1835; was a physician.

Besides these, one son and four daughters died in childhood.

SEAVER.

JOSHUA SEAVER and his wife Hannah were residing in this town as early as 1769. Both she and her husband in 1797 were dismissed to the church in Hartland, Vt. He was here again, however, in 1802. He does not appear to have been an owner of

real estate. Hannah died here in 1812. In 1827, Joshua was a pauper, and died in 1837, aged ninety-five. Children:—

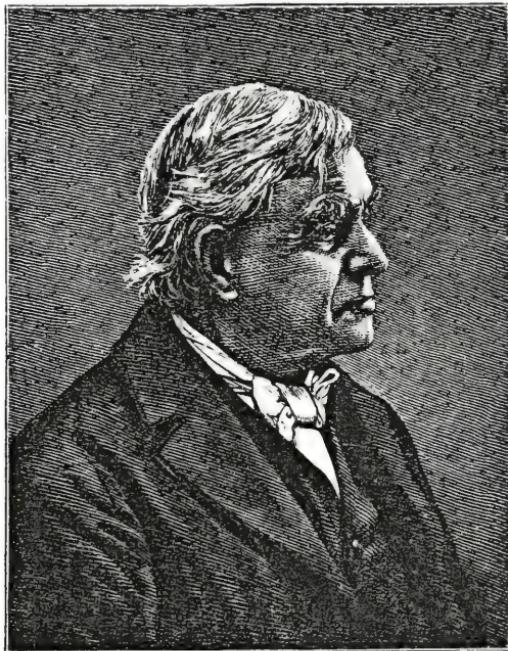
- 2. THOMAS, 1769.
- 3. MARY, 1770.
- +4. LEONARD, 1777.
- 5. SAMUEL, 1780; m. in 1807 Lucy Murdock; kept the store on the corner of North and Main Streets, and was the first postmaster of Medfield, serving from 1807 to 1809. He appears to have removed to Medway and to Walpole, where he died in 1821.

4.

LEONARD² (Joshua¹) married in 1802 Charlotte Cutler (20). In the same year, he bought one-half of the Cooledge house on North Street. He died in 1832. Children:—

- 6. ELIZA, 1803.
- 7. CHARLOTTE, 1804.
- 8. WILLIAM, 1806; m. Sally Fisher; lives in Ashland.
- 9. CHARLES, 1808.
- 10. LEONARD, 1810.

SEWALL.



REV. CHARLES C. SEWALL.

REV. CHARLES C. SEWALL, youngest son of Hon. Samuel Sewall, of Marblehead, was born in 1802. He was educated at Exeter Academy and Bowdoin College. He taught school in Medfield and in Dedham, where he afterward studied theology with Dr. Lamson; was ordained as pastor of the First Unitarian Church in Danvers (now Peabody) in 1827. He resigned in 1841, and two years after removed to Medfield, where he resided till his death in 1886. He married in 1823

Amy Peters (25), who died in 1872. Children:—

- 2. MARY A., 1825-1829.
- 3. ELIZABETH S., 1827.

4. MARY A., 1829.
5. REBECCA P., 1831-1855.
6. CHARLES C., 1834; m. in 1859 Mary Fairbanks (47).
7. ELLIEN F., 1836-1858.
8. WILLIAM P., 1839-1860.
9. EDWARD U., 1843.
10. ALICE O., 1847.
11. HENRY D., 1850; m. in 1880 Ella Clark (300).

SHEPPARD.

JOHN SHEPPARD of Braintree was probably one of those who were intending to come to Medfield at its settlement, but died in 1650. His widow Margaret and her children came here with the rest of the Braintree people, and had a grant for a house lot on Bridge Street, a little way from the corner of Main Street. The spot is not easily identified. Margaret died in December, 1675. Children:—

2. SAMUEL; died in 1641 at Braintree.
3. HANNAH; m. in 1656 Thomas Holbrook; died in 1668.
4. ELIZABETH; m. in 1661 John Warfield (1).
5. SAMUEL; inherited the homestead. The house was burned by the Indians in 1676, but he seems to have rebuilt it and to have lived here a short time afterward. In a few years, he removed to Mendon, where he died in 1690.

6.

DR. TIMOTHY SHEPPARD is said to have come here from Sherborn and to have practiced in his profession a few years. He bought the estate of John Green, on Main Street, now owned by Miss Sewall, which he sold in 1793 to Artemas Woodward of Brookline, and removed to Hopkinton. Children:—

7. MARY, 1788.
8. ELIZABETH, 1790.
9. ANNA, 1793.

SHUMWAY.

BENJAMIN F. SHUMWAY was born in Dover in 1823, son of John Shumway and Abigail Wight, daughter of Amos (104). He came to this town in 1840, and succeeded Nathan Wight (109), his uncle, in the possession of the place on Farm Street. He married in 1846 Lucy A. Cutler (28). Children:—

2. NATHAN W., 1848.
3. BENJAMIN F., 1850-1850.
4. ALBERT C., 1851.

SMITH.

HENRY SMITH came from England in 1637, bringing his wife Elizabeth and his two eldest sons. He settled in Dedham, where he was burned out in 1641, as we learn from the records of that

town. He came to Medfield in 1651-52, and took up his house lot on South Street, at the foot of Mr. Wilson's field. He seems to have had the confidence of his townsmen, as he served them on the board of selectmen thirteen years. His wife Elizabeth died in 1670. He died in 1687. Children:—

- +2. JOHN.
- +3. SETH.
- 4. DANIEL, 1639.
- +5. SAMUEL, 1641.
- 6. JOSEPH, 1643-1661.

2.

JOHN² (Henry¹), with wife Lydia, was in Dedham in 1660. Afterward, he came to Medfield, and owned a house on the south side of a road running east and west, probably Canal Street. The location is difficult to fix,—possibly not far from the place now or lately owned by the Bishop heirs. In 1686, he signed a quitclaim to all part in his father's estate; and in his father's will, 1687, he is mentioned as being of Taunton. He sold rights to Eleazar Bullard, who lived in the locality above referred to. In 1692, John Smith was at town-meeting here again. Two years after, Lydia, wife of John Smith of Marlboro, sold land in this town near road leading to Sherborn. Nothing further is known. Children:—

- 7. JOHN, 1660. Being a non-resident, he in 1689 received a grant of land in Medfield. In 1690, he enlisted for the expedition to Canada; and he made a will, giving to his friend, John Fisher, Jr., "all the wages and share of plunder that shall fall to him." The will was probated in 1694.
- 8. LYDIA, 1660; mentioned in her grandfather's will.
- 9. HENRY; died in 1673.

3.

SETH² (Henry¹) was doubtless born in England. He married in 1660 Mary Thurston (7). It would seem that Seth had a house near his father's, which his father by his will confirmed to Seth's heirs after his death. He died in 1682, five years before his father. Children:—

- 10. SETH, 1662; died young.
- 11. SAMUEL, died in 1662.
- +12. SAMUEL, 1665.
- 13. SETH, 1669. He and his brother Joseph had their father's homestead. But Joseph died; and Seth, who is called "cordwainer," went to Boston as early as 1692, died there in 1724, leaving a family.
- 14. JOSEPH, 1673-1692.
- 15. ELISHA, 1679; m. in 1701 Elizabeth Wheelock; had one son, Seth, born in 1701. He sold out in that year, and removed, probably to Lancaster.

5.

SAMUEL² (Henry¹) inherited his father's house lot and buildings. He married in 1669 Elizabeth Turner (2). When the Indians made their attack upon the town, Elizabeth took her youngest child, then a year and a half, in her arms, and ran toward the fort. When a little way from the house, the savages overtook her, and killed her by a blow on the head. The child was thrown on the ground, stunned, and left for dead, but recovered consciousness, and, when found, had crept to the dead body of its mother. One year from that day, Samuel married Sarah, widow of John Bowers (2), who had also been killed by the Indians. He died in 1691, his widow in 1704. Children:—

- 16. ELIZABETH, 1670-1671.
- 17. ELIZABETH, 1671-1704; m. in 1692 Eleazar Partridge (49).
- +18. SAMUEL, 1674.
- 19. SARAH, 1678-1769; m. in 1701 Matthias Evans (2); second, in 1726, Henry Harding (10).
- +20. HENRY, 1680.
- 21. DANIEL, 1682-1704.
- +22. NATHANIEL, 1684.
- 23. ABIGAIL, 1686-1725; m. in 1705 John Fisher (28).
- 24. MARY, 1688; m. in 1706 Henry Plimpton (15); second, in 1732, Jabez Pond of Dedham; third, in 1750, Joseph Wight.
- 25. PRUDENCE, 1691; m. in 1711 Joseph White of Mendon.

12.

SAMUEL³ (Seth,² Henry¹) settled on the place now owned by Geo. D. Hamant on High Street. He married Abigail Turner (9). He died in 1694, at the age of twenty-nine; and his widow in 1706 married Capt. Joseph Clark (11). Children:—

- 26. MARY, 1690.
- +27. SAMUEL, 1693.

18.

SAMUEL³ (Samuel,² Henry¹) married in 1695 Elizabeth Adams (42), who was the only surviving heir to her father's estate on the east side of Mill Brook, now owned by heirs of Bradford Curtis. At the time of his reception to communion in the church, he presented the following experience, which was preserved in writing among the papers of Mr. Baxter, and is copied from the Old Parish church records:—

"When I was young God did wonderfully preserve me when my mother was knoxt in head by the Indians. I was in her arms. I had no hurt by them. I desire to give God alone the praise of it. I was brought up in the nurture and feare of the Lord: I was often put in minde what a miserable state and condition I was in by nature and that I must forever perish without an intrest in Jesus Christ, and as I grew up my grandfather would

be putting me in minde what God had done for me and tould me it was not for nothing that God had thus preserved me and would have me consider of it and indeavour to love God and serve him : my father would be often putting me in mind of my duty to git alone to pray to God and tould me what comfort he found in meditating on God. Afterward hirng at Dedham with William Aline, his holy exampeles and good instructions was no smal help to me and hearing of Mr Clap preach much concerning the duty of secret prayer did a littel quicken me in that duty, but notwithstanding the many helps which God afforded me, through the wickedness of my own heart and the temptations of Satan I was ready to be carles of dutys and too often neglect them : but soon after it pleased God to take away my father by death which was a sore blow to me. His last words to me weare feare God and keep his commandments and beware of evil company. I thought that God was angry with me for my disobedience. I was troubled that I had been no more obedient to him. I took delight in reading the word of God and endeavoured to plead God's promis that he would be a father to me, but afterwards I was ridy to forgit his last words and so run into evil company too often on the Saboth day night. I hope God hath given me to see the evil of it. Considering of my sins, both original and actual sins, I was ready to dispaire of the mercy of God. I was troubled about my condition and was afraid God would not pardon such agravatd sinner as I had been but that place was some support to me, Isaiah 1: 18; Come now and let us reason together saith the Lord though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool : and hearing Mr Baxter from these words 4 iohn: 10: jesus answered and said if thou knewest the gift of God and who it is that saith to thee give me to drink thou wouldest have asked of him and he would have given the living water, wherein was showed that the Lord jesus Christ would very freely and liberaly give living waters to all those that have the knowledge of him and did ask for them. I was afraid that I had not a right knowlidge of Christ. I indeavored to seek unto Christ that he would bestow thos living waters upon me and was encouraged in reading a sermon preached from these words iohn 6-37 and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out, but I was redy to go in my own strength and trust in my own ritiousness. I found it hard work to come out of myself and rest upon Christ alone for salvation : that place come to mind philipians 3: 9 — and be found in him not having mine own ritiousness which is of the law but that which is through the faith of Christ the ritiousness which is of God by faith.

"I have had many desires to inioy Christ in all his ordinances but I was afraid that I was not fit and should receive no benefit thereby: that place come to minde mathew 12: 20 a brused reed shall he not break and smoking flax shall he not quench till he send forth judgment unto victory. I thought that though I was weak yet I would go unto Christ and cast myself down at his

feet and though he should slay me yet would I trust in him: those invitations in isaiah 55: 1; ho, every one that thirsteth come ye to the waters and he that hath no money come ye buy and eat yea come buy wine and milk without money and without price— revelations 22: 17 and the spirit and the bride say come and let him that heareth say come and let him that is athirst come and whosoever will let him take of the water of life freely, weare a greate incorragement to me ; and hearing Mr Baxter from these words 2 Cori 5: 21 for he hath made him to be sin for us who knew no sin that we might be made the ritiousness of God in him wheare he showed that God hath made his son iesus Christ who was never guilty of any sin a sacrifice for us that we might be made the retiousness of God in him and was shown that it was the duty of all who have any good grounds to believe that they have an intrest in the retiousness of Christ to come unto the table of the Lord. I hope God hath begun a good work in my soul. I do offer myself to this church and desire your prayers that God would enable me to be sincere herein.

“SAMUEL SMITH.”

He was afterward chosen deacon of the church, and filled many stations of trust in the town, serving twenty-one years on the board of selectmen, nine years as town clerk, and some time as town treasurer. He was also a representative to the General Court. He died in 1742, his widow in 1753. Children:—

- +28. ELEAZAR, 1696.
- 29. JOHN, 1699-1699.
- +30. SAMUEL, 1700.
- 31. HANNAH, 1703-1744; m. in 1725 Benjamin Plimpton (39); second, Jonathan Metcalf (16).
- 32. ELIZABETH, 1705-1785; m. in 1727 Nathaniel Cutler of Medway.
- 33. JONATHAN, 1708-1708.
- 34. ELISHA, 1710-1710.
- 35. LYDIA, 1712-1795; unmarried; cared for by the town.

20.

HENRY³ (Samuel,² Henry¹) settled in the south-east part of the town, on what is now Plain Street. His father had land “on the way leading to Rock Meadow”; also, a “farther field” in the same locality, which was given to Henry. He married in 1703 Deborah Pratt (14), who died in 1706; second, in 1708, Mary Adams (17), who died in 1725; third, in 1730, Ruth Barber (27). He served on the board of selectmen in 1737; died in 1743. Children:—

- 36. DANIEL, 1706-1750; settled in Walpole.
- 37. MARY, 1709-1770; m. in 1728 David Clark (62).
- +38. HENRY, 1711.
- +39. JONATHAN, 1714-1784.

- 40. SARAH, 1717-1748; m. in 1733 Isaac Chenery (11); second, in 1743, Joshua Boyden (20).
- +41. BENONI, 1725.
- 42. RUTH, 1730; m. in 1752 Samuel Turner (38).
- 43. MOSES, 1732; settled in Walpole.
- 44. ASA, 1740; settled in Walpole.

22.

NATHANIEL³ (Samuel,² Henry¹) bought out the other heirs to his father's homestead on South Street. He married in 1705 Mary Clark (50), who died in 1717; second, in the same year, Lydia Partridge (11). He sold his estate in 1755 to his son Elisha, and removed, apparently, to Sturbridge. Was adjudged *non compos* in 1761, "by reason of old age and decay of his senses." Children:—

- 45. JOHN, 1706-1707.
- 46. JOSEPH, 1707; m. in 1734 Abiel Hamant (14); settled in Sturbridge.
- 47. DAVID, 1711-1760; m. in 1737 Hannah Lovell (10).
- 48. JESSE, 1714.
- 49. NATHANIEL, 1715-1716.
- +50. NATHANIEL, 1717.
- 51. LYDIA, 1721-1773; m. in 1744 John Marsh, Sturbridge.
- 52. DEBORAH, 1723-1787; m. in 1745 Daniel Plimpton (24); second, in 1779, Aaron Allen.
- +53. ELISHA, 1726.
- 54. MARY, 1729-1729.

27.

SAMUEL⁴ (Samuel,³ Seth,² Henry¹) lived on the place which was left him by his father. He married Hannah Mason (8). Dying in 1719, at the age of twenty-six, he left three daughters; and his widow became the wife of Josiah Cheney (17). The heirs sold the estate to Samuel Hamant (11). Children:—

- 55. HANNAH, 1715-1764; m. in 1733 Ephraim Chenery (10).
- 56. JERUSHA, 1716; m. David Morse (130).
- 57. MARY, 1720; m. in 1743 Stephen Gerauld (6).

28.

ELEAZAR⁴ (Samuel,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) settled on his father's place east of Mill Brook. He married in 1729 Sarah Turner (21). He died in 1768, his wife in 1763. His estate came into the possession of his son-in-law, Jacob Clark. Children:—

- +58. JOHN, 1730.
- 59. RACHEL, 1733-1757; m. in 1754 Jacob Clark (148).
- 60. MARY, 1736; m. in 1769 Joseph Morse (125).
- 61. SARAH, 1738-1763.
- 62. DORCAS, 1741-1757.

30.

SAMUEL⁴ (Samuel,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) settled near the corner of South and High Streets, a lane running northward from that

point a few rods to the house. The cellar was filled up a few years ago. He was living there certainly as early as 1733. He served six years, at least, on the board of selectmen. He died in 1763, his wife Silence in 1778. Children:—

63. KEZIA, 1722-1777; m. in 1738 Isaac Boyden (25); second, in 1772, John Cutler (1).
64. ABIGAIL, 1724; m. in 1747 Samuel Allen of Wrentham, son of Eleazar (23).
- +65. GEORGE, 1726.
66. SILENCE, 1728; m. in 1750 John Turner.
67. ELIZABETH, 1730-1782; m. in 1751 Moses Hartshorn (1).
68. SAMUEL, 1732-1778; probably unmarried. He inherited the homestead.
69. HANNAH, 1732-1732.
70. ABEL, 1734, living in 1763.
- +71. SETH, 1736.

38.

HENRY⁴ (Henry,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) married in 1730 Abigail Clark (57); removed, and settled in Walpole. Children:—

72. SETH, 1731.
73. ABIGAIL, 1732.
74. SAMUEL, 1734.
75. HENRY, 1735.
76. HANNAH, 1737.
77. MARIA, 1740.
78. AMOS, 1742-1763.
79. SARAH, 1744-1754.
80. AZUBAH, 1747.

39.

JONATHAN⁴ (Henry,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) inherited and lived upon the homestead on Plain Street. He married in 1735 Abigail Wilkinson of Walpole. He died in 1784, his wife in 1773. Children:—

81. MARY, 1737.
82. JONATHAN, 1739-1743.
83. ABIGAIL, 1740-1766; m. in 1764 Nathan Cutler (5).
84. SIBYL, 1743; m. in 1770 Joseph Dean of Dedham.
- +85. JONATHAN, 1745.
86. PHEBE, 1747; m. in 1768 Asa Ellis of Dedham.
87. RACHEL, 1749-1829; m. in 1771 Fisher Allen (59).
88. AMY, 1754-1827; m. in 1779 Nathan Allen (62).

41.

BENONI⁴ (Henry,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) had a portion in the ancestral estate, and a house of his own. He married in 1746 Mary, daughter of John Taylor and wife Hannah Ellis (12). Benoni died in 1752, and his wife in the same year. Children:—

89. NATHAN, 1747.
90. BENONI, 1749.
91. DANIEL, 1752.

50.

NATHANIEL⁴ (Nathaniel,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) married in 1743 Susanna Hinsdale (21); removed to Sturbridge. Children:—

- 92. MARIAMAN, 1744.
- 93. NATHAN, 1746.

Other children born at Sturbridge.

53.

ELISHA⁴ (Nathaniel,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) came into possession of the original Smith homestead on South Street. He married in 1751 Sibyl Hamant (25), who, after his death in 1760, became the wife of Noah Allen (40). His place, a portion of which is now owned by Mr. Barts, was sold to Moses Hartshorn in 1774, and again to Asa Boyden in 1787. Children:—

- 94. SIBYL, 1759-1812; m. in 1786 Gilbert Corson of Medway, and left one daughter, who became the wife of Jesse Johnson (9), and afterward of Josiah Cheney (55).
- 95. OLIVE, 1761; m. in 1780 James Holbrook of Wrentham.

58.

JOHN⁵ (Eleazar,⁴ Samuel,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) was heir to his grandfather, John Turner, and lived upon his homestead, now owned by Stephen F. Turner. He married Jemima Fales of Walpole, who died in 1822, aged eighty-eight. He served as a selectman in 1764 and 1765. He died in 1802. Children:—

- 96. ELEAZAR, 1755-1836; a man of great mechanical ingenuity, and inventor of several valuable machines. He never gained, however, much pecuniary benefit from his labors. He lived in Walpole; m. in 1793 Polly Parmenter of Framingham.
- 97. HANNAH, 1756-1830; unmarried.
- 98. DORCAS, 1759; m. in 1791 Jesse Chickering of Dover.
- 99. JEMIMA, 1760-1848; unmarried.
- 100. JOHN, 1763-1843; m. in 1797 Rebecca Adams (76). As he had no children, he made Stephen Turner (71) his heir.
- 101. PETER, 1765-1834; lived in Walpole; m. in 1795 Nelly Parmenter of Framingham.
- 102. JOEL, 1767-1829; settled in Paxton.
- 103. DAVID, 1768-1857. He married in 1808 Hannah Draper of Dedham. His homestead was that now owned by Mr. Ashley, on High Street.
- 104. SARAH, 1769-1848; unmarried.
- 105. MARY, 1774-1846; unmarried.
- 106. RACHEL, 1780-1781.

65.

GEORGE⁵ (Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) received from his father, during his lifetime, some portion of his estate. He was a constable in 1752, and a surveyor in the south part of the

town. In 1761, he was living on what is now Elm Street, at the place owned at present by Hanley & Tracy. In 1778 and 1779, he lived in the house belonging to the town on Frairy Street. He married in 1751 Mercy Metcalf of Wrentham. The family removed, and settled in Vermont. George is said to have died in 1798. Children :—

- 107. ELIPHALET, 1751.
- 108. SUSANNA, 1753.
- 109. GEORGE, 1755.
- 110. SILENCE, 1757.
- +111. TITUS, 1759.
- 112. LYDIA, 1775.

Two sons were born in Wrentham: Rogers, 1761; Samuel, 1764.

71.

SETH⁵ (Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) married in 1759 Drusilla Lyon of Walpole, daughter of Peter Lyon. He lived for some time after his marriage at the place on High Street now owned by Mrs. F. H. Phelps, which he sold in 1773 to John Cutler. The house was probably built by him. After that, he owned the house where Moses F. Clark's now stands, and sold it in 1777 to Silas Bullard. After his brother's death in 1778, he evidently settled on the place where his father had lived before him. He died in 1786, his widow in 1816. Children :—

- +113. LEBBEUS, 1760.
- 114. TIMOTHY, 1761; m. in 1786 Alona Clark (172), who died in 1787. She left one child, who died the following year. He removed to Brookfield, and married in 1789 Thankful Rice.
- 115. SARAH, 1764; m. in 1790 Jesse Walker of New Salem.
- 116. SETH, 1766; was a physician in Holland, Mass.
- +117. ISAIAH, 1769.
- 118. DRUSILLA, 1771-1804; m. in 1792 Elisha Clark (214).
- 119. ABIGAIL, 1775-1806; m. in 1796 Amos Baker (33).

85.

JONATHAN⁵ (Jonathan,⁴ Henry,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) lived on the old place on Plain Street. He married in 1769 Mercy Day of Walpole. He was chosen deacon of the Unitarian church in 1828. He died in 1836, his wife in 1830. Children :—

- 120. SYNTHE, 1770; m. in 1797 Aaron Guild of Walpole.
- +121. JEREMIAH, 1772.
- 122. ABIGAIL, 1774; m. in 1800 Aaron Wight (131).
- 123. DANIEL, 1776-1779.
- 124. MARY, 1780-1780.
- 125. MARY; m. in 1805 Hartshorn Chickering of Dover.
- 126. SARAH, 1785; m. in 1805 Benjamin Guy of Dover.
- 127. JONATHAN, 1789-1790.
- 128. JONATHAN, 1791-1820.

III.

TITUS⁶ (George,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) married in 1782 Atarah Hamant (42). He died in 1805, aged forty-five. His widow died in 1856, having lived in widowhood fifty-one years. Children:—

- 129. TITUS, 1783-1789.
- 130. LUCRETIA, 1785-1867; m. in 1805 Seth Chenery (36).
- 131. POLLY, 1787-1813; m. in 1806 James Clark (248).
- 132. OLIVE, 1790-1880; m. in 1811 David Clark (223).
- 133. ASA, 1792-1793.
- +134. CLARK, 1795.
- 135. ATARAH, 1797-1865; m. in 1824 Marcus Gilmore (1).
- 136. THOMAS, 1799-1878; m. in 1825 Eliza Wadsworth of Dover; inherited her father's place on the Dedham road, where he carried on the business of brush-making.
- 137. ABIGAIL, 1801-1829.
- 138. TITUS, 1803-1843; m. in 1832 Abigail Burrill of Roxbury; was a carriage-maker, and worked at his trade in this town for several years. He had one daughter, Abby.
- +139. GEORGE M., 1806.

III.

LEBBEUS⁶ (Seth,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) bought in 1791 of John Cutler the house that his father had built. He married in 1783 Martha Clark (212), who died in 1806; second, in 1807, Lois Hall of Raynham. Lebbeus had some local celebrity as a singing-master. He resided in Dedham in his later years, dying in 1828. Lois died in Boston in 1864, aged eighty-seven. Children:—

- 140. MIRANDA, 1784; m. Adin Cleaveland (12).
- 141. MARTHA, 1791-1820; m. in 1814 Isaac Chenery (37).
- 142. ESTHER, 1793; m. in 1817 Pitt Muzsey.
- 143. L. WASHBURN, 1808.
- 144. { ELLEN A., 1810; m. Daniel Ham of Boston.
- 145. { EDWIN A., 1810; m. in 1840 Deborah M. H. Williamson.
- 146. { EMELINE, 1813.
- 147. { ADALINE, 1813-1839.

III.

ISAIAH⁶ (Seth,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) came into possession of the homestead near the South School-house, where he lived till 1816, when he exchanged farms with his brother-in-law, Elisha Clark, and went to live at the place on Elm Street now owned by heirs of Bradford Curtis. He married in 1790 Sarah Clark (216). He died in 1823, his wife in 1846. Children:—

- +148. SAMUEL, 1790.
- 149. HANNAH, 1793; m. in 1817 Daniel Draper.
- 150. SALLY, 1795; m. in 1816 Johnson Mason (82).
- 151. SETH, 1797-1820.
- 152. DRUSILLA, 1800-1821.
- 153. MILLY, 1802-1809.
- 154. CHLOE, 1805-1837; m. in 1826 Benjamin Balch (6).

155. CLARISSA, 1808-1830.
 156. SABIN M., 1811; m. in 1834 Sarah A. Johnson (18).
 157. MARY M., 1816; m. in 1841 Thomas L. Barney (1).

121.

JEREMIAH⁶ (Jonathan,⁵ Jonathan,⁴ Henry,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) succeeded to the possession of the homestead, and married in 1799 Anna Russell of Sherborn, who died in 1837; second, Catherine, widow of Oliver Partridge (38). He died in 1853. Children: —

158. HARRIET, 1799-1805.
 159a. DANIEL, 1801-1843.
 159b. ANNA, 1804-1874; m. in 1836 Asa Holbrook.
 160. MARY, 1807-1837; unmarried.
 +161. JEREMIAH R., 1811.
 162. HARRIET E., 1816-1844; unmarried.

134.

CLARK⁷ (Titus,⁶ George,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) became heir to his uncle, Charles Hamant (40), the place now occupied by Geo. W. Kingsbury. He married in 1821 Caroline Morse (96), who died in 1878. Children: —

163. HANNAH, 1829-1875; unmarried.
 164. OLIVE A., 1839; m. in 1859 George W. Kingsbury (10).

139.

GEORGE M.⁷ (Titus,⁶ George,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) married in 1830 Joanna Harding (81). He died in 1883. Children: —

165. J. HARDING, 1832-1870; was a merchant in Milford.
 166. ANGELINA E., 1835.

148.

SAMUEL⁷ (Isaiah,⁶ Seth,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) married in 1815 Waitstill Richards from Washington, N.H., who died in 1860, aged sixty-six. Children: —

167. GEORGE, 1816-1885; resided in West Roxbury.
 168. HARRIET, 1818.
 169. SARAH, 1820-1876; m. Edgar Needham.
 170. FANNY, 1824-1844.

161.

JEREMIAH R.⁷ (Jeremiah,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Jonathan,⁴ Henry,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) married in 1837 Eliza A. Mason (90), who died in 1842; second, Christiana Bigelow of Charlton. Children: —

171. Infant, 1837-1837.
 172. WILLIAM R., 1838; m. in 1865 Julia A. Hamant (57), who died in 1868; second, in 1872, Mary J. Hamant (55).
 173. ABNER M., 1840-1841.
 174. ELIZA M., 1842; m. in 1865 Francis D. Hamant (56).
 175. HARRIET MARY ANNA, 1848; m. in 1874 Melvin L. Willard.

178.

AARON⁵ (Moses,⁴ Henry,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) was born in Walpole in 1765, and came to Medfield about 1782. He married in 1795 Mercy Plimpton (94), and bought the place on South Street near the South School-house. He died in 1841, his wife in 1850. Children:—

- 179. SUSANNA, 1795–1813.
- 180. PATIENCE, 1799; m. in 1823 Royal Blake of Wrentham.
- 181. MARY P., 1800; m. — White; lived in State of New York.
- +182. ALPHEUS B., 1802.
- 183. LUCY, 1804–1884; m. in 1825 James Wood, Walpole; second, in 1863, John Wardwell of Providence.
- 184. ELIZABETH, 1806; m. Jonathan Petts of Ashburnham.
- 185. NANCY, 1808–1879; m. Stearns Tarbox in 1831; lived in Stoddard, N.H.
- +186. AARON, 1815.

182.

ALPHEUS B.⁶ (Aaron,⁵ Moses,⁴ Henry,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) married in 1826 Eliza Dill of Eastham, and the same year bought the place on High Street near the South School-house. He died in 1840, his wife in 1869. Children:—

- 187. LUCRETIA T., 1828–1884; m. Isaac Seaver of Westminster.
- 188. JAMES A., 1833.

186.

AARON⁶ (Aaron,⁵ Moses,⁴ Henry,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) settled on his father's place, removed the ancient house, and built that now standing there. He afterward removed to the village, and built where Moses F. Clark now lives. He married Martha M. Page of Stoddard, N.H. He died in 1851. Children:—

- 189. HORACE, 1840–1840.
- 190. MARTHA ROSINE, 1841; m. in 1865 Abner H. Wenzel; second, George T. Higley of Ashland.
- 191. JAMES BIRNEY, 1845; resides in Dedham.

192.

ASA SMITH was born in 1772, came from Needham to Medfield about 1800, and settled on Granite Street, near High Street, where he worked at the trade of blacksmith. His wife was Thirza Cranch, married probably in Needham. He removed to Walpole, where he died at a great age. Children:—

- 193. EMORY; died in United States service many years ago.
- 194. ROXANA; m. in 1822 Reuben Clap of Foxboro.
- 195. ROLAND.
- 196. CAROLINE; m. in 1824 William Carrol of Walpole.
- 197. LOUISA; m. in 1827 Metcalf Smith of Walpole.

198.

AMOS⁶ (Henry,⁵ Henry,⁴ Henry,³ Samuel,² Henry¹) was born in Walpole in 1762. He came to Medfield, and in 1796 married Abigail, widow of Nathan Adams (145), and lived upon the Adams place on Bridge Street. She died in 1825; and he married, second, Elizabeth, widow of Ebenezer Clapp of Walpole, after which he lived on Main Street at the place now owned by Thomas Upham. He died in 1838. Daughter:—

199. EVALINA, 1797-1856; m. in 1835 Walter Janes (1).

200.

ENOS⁶ (Henry,⁵ Henry,⁴ Henry,³ Samuel,² Henry¹), born in Walpole in 1771, married in 1797 Amy Plimpton (102), and lived for several years on her father's place by the saw-mill, Noon Hill. He afterward removed to Walpole, where he died in 1861. Children:

- 201. ESTHER, 1798; m. Jonathan Adams of Medway.
- 202. ROYAL, 1799-1852; settled in Walpole; died in California.
- 203. AMY, 1803-1803.
- 204. OLIVE; m. — Adams of Medway; second, William Fales of Wrentham.
- 205. ARNOLD; went to Medway.

There were also three others not recorded here: Edwin, who went to Milford, N.H.; Amy, who married Willard Ellis of Medway; and Catherine.

206.

EZRA SMITH was the son of Ezra of Dedham, who married Sarah Clark (84), and was born in 1728. He was a descendant of Asahel Smith of Dedham. Whether Asahel was a relative of Henry¹ is unknown.

He married in 1757 Rachel Clark, daughter of Ephraim (83); and they became heirs to the estate of their grandfather Samuel Clark, the place on Granite Street lately owned by Samuel Woods. He died in 1785, his wife in 1808. Children:—

- +207. EPHRAIM, 1758.
- +208. ELI, 1762.
- 209. DANIEL, 1763; settled in Fitzwilliam, N.H.
- 210. EZRA, 1768-1841; unmarried.

207.

EPHRAIM⁵ (Ezra,⁴ Ezra,³ Joseph,² Asahel¹) was in the Continental Army. He was one of Major André's guards. He also served in guarding the Burgoyne prisoners for three months. He married in 1780 Elizabeth Clark (199), who died in 1789; second, Jerusha Clark (208). He resided with his father for some years, received a commission as captain in 1792, and as major in 1800. In 1802, his brother Eli, having become discouraged in New Hampshire, came back to the homestead; and Ephraim ex-

changed prospects with him, living several years in that State. He returned to this place, however, and remained till about 1820, when he went to Vermont, where he died in 1839. His widow died in 1851. Children :—

211. ELIZABETH, 1781; m. Gilman Heath, Vermont.
212. RACHEL, 1783-1784.
213. RACHEL, 1785-1870; m. in 1805 Isaac Harding of Medway; settled in Binghamton, N.Y.
214. LUCINDA, 1787; m. Philip Charter, Newfane, Vt.
215. CATHERINE, 1795-1796.
216. PAMELA, 1797-1841; m. Reuben Woods of Colerain.
217. EPHRAIM, 1800-1870; settled in Westminster, Vt.
218. SIMEON, 1802-1882; unmarried.
219. CATHERINE, 1804-1884; m. in 1827 Eleazar P. Tilden (4).
220. OLIVE, 1807-1879; m. Eaton Whiting of Dedham.
221. NATHAN C., 1811-1840; unmarried.
222. FANNY, 1814; m. Whitney Whitaker, Brattleboro, Vt.

208.

ELI⁵ (Ezra,⁴ Ezra,³ Joseph,² Asahel¹) served three years in the Continental Army. He married in 1787 Thankful Chamberlain of Walpole; second, in 1805, Mary C. Whitney of Dedham. He went soon after his first marriage to Fitzwilliam, N.H., but was not successful there, and came back to his father's farm in 1802, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died in 1835, leaving no children. His widow died in 1853, aged eighty-three. The homestead passed into the possession of Nathaniel Fairbanks.

STEARNS.

NATHANIEL STEARNS was from Douglass, and came to this town about 1759, to tend the mill for the widow of Ephraim Cheney (22), and in 1762 married her eldest daughter, Sarah. When the mill was sold, Stearns located in the easterly part of the town, where Joseph Hardy now lives. He died in 1774, his widow in 1806. Children :—

- +2. NATHANIEL, 1763.
3. SARAH, 1765; m. in 1800 Abel Partridge of Ward, probably son of Abel of Medfield.

2.

NATHANIEL² (Nathaniel¹) lived on the place referred to as belonging to his father. He married in 1791 Mary Turner (63). He was chosen deacon of the old church in 1825, but resigned in 1827, and became one of the constituent members of the Orthodox church; died in 1848. Children :—

4. NABBY, 1793; m. Joseph Ingles of Mendon.
5. NATHAN, 1795-1826; m. in 1816 Susan Aiken; died at Exeter, N.H.
6. MARY, 1796; probably died young.

7. REBECCA, 1797; m. in 1830 Joel Boyden of Mendon.
8. SARAH, 1799; m. in 1819 Reuben Taft of Mendon.
- +9. AMOS, 1801.
10. KEZIAH, 1803-1822.
11. LUCY, 1804; m. in 1824 Lyman Darling of Mendon.
12. NANCY, 1808; m. in 1828 William D. Ingles of Mendon.

9.

AMOS³ (Nathaniel,² Nathaniel¹) married in 1823 Chloe Cleaveland (21); removed to Worcester. Children:—

13. WILLARD C., 1826.
14. CORDELIA, 1828-1828.
15. CHLOE E., 1831.

STEDMAN.

CYRUS STEDMAN was a descendant of Thomas of Scituate (Cyrus,⁷ John,⁶ John,⁵ Thomas,⁴ Thomas,³ Thomas,² Isaac¹), and was born in Holliston in 1808. About 1836, he bought the place on Frairy Street still owned by his heirs; also, the mill privilege opposite, where he worked at his trade of gunsmith and general mechanic. He married in 1832 Mary Jordan of Grafton, Vt.; died in 1865. Children:—

2. JOSEPH, 1835; is a physician at Jamaica Plain.
3. MARY E., 1837; m. in 1858 John W. Stewart, who died in 1859.
4. HARRIET J., 1838; m. in 1871 Barna S. Snow.
5. JERUSHA M., 1840; m. in 1863 William R. Rice.
6. ELIZA R., 1842; m. in 1870 Bennett Wilson.
7. LAURA, 1844-1854.
8. JENNIE G., 1845; m. in 1865 James Hewins (4).
9. CORDELIA J., 1848; m. in 1870 Ephraim Chamberlain.

SUTCLIFFE.

NATHANIEL SUTCLIFFE married Hannah Plimpton (2) in 1664. Three years afterward, he was living in a house that stood apparently on the southerly side of the road leading to Harbor Island. He went to Deerfield as early as 1673; was killed at the "Falls fight" in 1676, and his widow married Samuel Harrington. His Medfield place was, without doubt, sold to Joseph Bullard (4), who was living there in 1675. The house was burned by the Indians, and appears never to have been rebuilt. Children:—

2. HANNAH, 1665.
3. JUDITH, 1669.
4. NATHANIEL, 1672. In 1715 Nathaniel Sutcliffe of Durham, Conn., sold land in Medfield, said to have been received of Joseph Bullard.

THAYER.

AMOS THAYER was the son of Benjamin of Mendon, born in 1774. He married Milletiah Wales of Franklin in 1797, and in 1822 removed to Medfield. He bought the estate at the corner of North and Green Streets, where he, in connection with his sons, carried on the business of butchering till about 1839. He died in 1846, his wife in 1852. Children:—

- +2. OTIS W., 1798.
- +3. ELIJAH, 1802.

2.

OTIS W.² (Amos¹) was born in Mendon, and about 1823 joined his father in purchasing the estate on North Street, and continued with him in business till his death. He married in 1820 Sena Thayer of Mendon. He died in 1837, his widow in 1880. Children:—

- 4. EMILY T., 1821; m. in 1839 Hinsdale F. Bullard (66).
- 5. TYLER, 1822; carpenter and builder in Norwood.
- 6. EMELINE, 1825.
- 7. H. G. OTIS, 1829; resides in Norwood.
- 8. SENA E., 1831; m. in 1851 John W. Jewett, Claremont, N.H.
- 9. ESTHER H., 1834-1860; m. in 1855 Hamlet Wight (152).

3.

ELIJAH² (Amos¹) was also born in Mendon, came to Medfield with his father, and in 1824-26 kept the store on the corner of North and Main Streets. Afterward, he carried on the business of butchering, and kept the tavern at Medway Village. After his brother's death, he removed to Medfield, and entered into business with his father, and succeeded to the possession of his estate. He married in 1826 Mary Heminway of Providence, who died in 1886. He died in 1887. Children:—

- 10. HENRIETTA, 1827-1845.
- 11. OLIVE W., 1831-1854; m. in 1852 Orson D. Young; left one daughter, Olive B., born in 1854, who in 1877 married John A. S. Monks.
- 12. CHARLES E., 1833-1837.

THEBAULT.

JOHN THEBAULT was born in France of a wealthy family; but, becoming a Protestant, he was obliged to fly from home, and went first to England, where he probably learned his trade of weaver. He is said to have come to America about 1735, and he was in Medfield as early as 1741. His first wife, Mary, died in 1749; and he married in the following year Abigail Allen of Dedham. In 1761, he bought a house on South Street where Mr. Rhodes now lives. He was one of the constituent members of the Baptist church. His second wife died in 1790, aged seventy-nine;

and in his old age he was left in poverty. In 1798, the town gave him \$30 toward his support. In 1804, the house that was John Thebault's is mentioned, "now owned by Joanna and Magdalen Thebault." He died in 1807. Children:—

2. MARY; died in 1742.
3. JOHN, 1741-1742.
4. MARY, 1743; m. in 1773 Joseph Rhodes, Jr., of Stoughton-ham.
5. MAGDALEN, 1745-1826; unmarried.
6. JOANNA, 1747-1818.
7. ANN, 1749-1825; m. in 1773 Elias Clark (179).

THURSTON.

JOHN THURSTON, aged thirty-six, and wife Margaret, aged thirty-two, from Wrentham, England, sailed for New England in the ship "Mary Anne," in 1637. Two children came from England with them. The family settled at Dedham, but came to Medfield among the first, and had a house here in 1652. The homestead was near that now owned by James Hewins, with a field opposite. He very early owned land in what is now Norfolk or Wrentham, as in 1655 he had leave to make a bridge over Stop River "from his meadow in Dedham bounds." This was no doubt the old bridge on the road from Medfield to Wrentham: it bore the name of Thurston's Bridge for years afterward. He frequently served in town offices: in 1652, he was on the committee for laying out the necessary highways; in 1658, he was to make the seats about the table in the meeting-house; in 1661, he was to assist in the delicate and important work of seating persons in the meeting-house; in 1675, he was engaged to keep a school for 10s. a week, or 7s., if paid in money. He also served on the board of selectmen eight years. He died in 1685, his wife having died in 1662. Children:—

- +2. THOMAS, 1633; baptized in Wrentham, England.
- +3. JOHN, 1635; baptized in Wrentham, England.
- 4. JOSEPH, 1639; settled at Jamaica, L.I.
- 5. BENJAMIN, 1640; settled in Boston; was one of the founders of the Old South Church in 1669; died of small-pox in 1678; ensign under Captain Hull in Philip's war.
- +6. DANIEL, 1646.
- 7. MARY; m. in 1660 Seth Smith (3).
- 8. JUDITH, 1648; m. in 1666 Jonathan Treadway.
- 9. HANNAH, 1650-1690; m. in 1668 Joseph Cheney (9).

2.

THOMAS² (John¹) was admitted as a townsman in 1653, and the town granted him a house lot next to his father's. This place afterward appears to have come into the hands of his brother Daniel; and he bought in 1662 the homestead of Daniel Morse,

southward of Pound Street. He had married in 1655 Sarah, daughter of Thomas Thaxter of Hingham. He held the office of captain, and was also a surveyor of lands. The town of Sherborn employed him in 1675 to lay out lands there. His house was burned by the Indians in 1676, and two of his children were mortally wounded at the same time. In 1680, the town granted him "ten or twelve rods of land at the west end of his house lot to build a house on." The cellar of that house is still visible, but there are no known traces of the first one. A school was kept by him in 1684 and in 1699. He was a selectman for ten years, and town clerk six years. He died in 1704, his wife having died in 1678. Children :—

- +10. JOHN, 1656.
- 11. THOMAS, 1658-1713; settled in Wrentham.
- 12. SARAH, 1662-1688; m. in 1684 Samuel Morse (18).
- 13. MARY, 1665.
- 14. MARGARET, 1668-1676; died of wounds from the Indians.
- 15. ELIZABETH, 1671.
- 16. SAMUEL, 1674-1676; died of wounds from the Indians.
- 17. MARGARET, 1678.

3.

JOHN (John¹) remained on his father's homestead. He was chosen deacon in 1699; representative to the General Court in 1697 and 1702. He married in 1660 Mary Wood, daughter of Nicolas of Sherborn, who died in 1726. He died in 1712. Children :—

- 18. MARY, 1665-1744; unmarried.
- 19. MEHITABLE, 1667-1749; m. in 1690 Eleazar Ellis of Dedham.
- 20. HANNAH, 1669.
- 21. BETHIA, 1672.
- 22. ESTHER, 1674-1755; m. in 1713 Jonathan Boyden (8); second, John Turner (12).
- 23. JOHN, 1677-1751; m. in 1723 Sarah Pierce; gave the place to his nephew, Josiah Ellis.
- 24. BENJAMIN, 1680-1704.

6.

DANIEL² (John¹) appears to have lived on the place east of his father's. He died in 1683, his wife Mary in 1680. His inventory contains house, barn, and other real estate. Children :—

- 25. DANIEL; died in 1674.
- +26. DANIEL, 1674.
- 27. BENJAMIN, 1678-1680.

10.

JOHN³ (Thomas,² John¹) was called blacksmith. He lived in town for some years, probably at the place now owned by

Mr. Barts, which he sold in 1727. In 1722, he is said to be of Rehoboth. Children :—

28. SARAH, 1691.
29. HANNAH, 1693.
30. BETHIA, 1695.
31. JABEZ, 1697-1697.
32. REBECCA, 1698.
33. MEHITABLE, 1700.
34. PHEBE, 1702.
35. JANE, 1704.

These were born in Medfield. There is said to have been a son David, probably born in Rehoboth.

26.

DANIEL³ (Daniel,² John¹) is mentioned in his grandfather's will, his father having died in early manhood. He probably lived on the place that had been his father's, though no traces of a house there have been known to exist within the recollection of living men. There was evidently no house standing there in 1766. He married in 1699 Experience Warren (3), who died in 1704; second, in 1705, Martha Allen (161). In 1727, Daniel Thurston sold half a dwelling-house and barn, with house lot bounded south-east by the highway and north-west by the brook. He is said to have removed to Marlboro. Children :—

- +36. JOSEPH, 1700.
37. { DANIEL, 1702; of Marlboro in 1732; in Sturbridge in 1737.
38. { INCREASE, 1702-1702.
39. DIANA, 1707-1707.
40. MARTHA, 1709.

36.

JOSEPH⁴ (Daniel,³ Daniel,² John¹) was here as late as 1732. In 1740, he was dismissed to church in Westboro. He married Dorothy Frizzell of Marlboro. Children :—

41. AMARIAH, 1729.
42. EXPERIENCE, 1731.

TILDEN.

STEPHEN TILDEN was of the fifth generation from Elder Nathaniel of Scituate,—STEPHEN⁵ (Stephen,⁴ David,³ Stephen,² Nathaniel¹). He was born in Stoughton in 1764; lived, when a young man, in Roxbury, engaged in market gardening. In 1792, he married Hannah Perry (15), and resided in Medfield for a few years; then for a short time in Wrentham; returning to this town. About 1810, he bought the house that had belonged to Elihu Lawrence, and which stood on the site of that now owned by Mr. Quincy, in the south part of the town. He died in 1828,

his widow marrying, second, Amos Kingsbury (1). She died in 1855. Children :—

2. POLLY, 1794-1854; m. in 1818 Abner Fairbanks of Sharon.
3. ESTHER M., 1801-1874; m. in 1823 Lowell Fisher.
- +4. ELEAZAR P., 1804.
5. ELIZABETH P., 1807; m. in 1830 Chauncey Cloyes.
6. Infant, 1810-1810.

4.

ELEAZAR P.² (Stephen¹) married in 1827 Catherine Smith (219), who died in 1884. Son :—

7. WILLIAM S., 1830; m. in 1853 Olive M. Babcock (5).

TOWNSEND.

JONATHAN TOWNSEND was the son of Rev. Jonathan Townsend of Needham, born in 1721. He graduated at Harvard College in 1741; was chosen by the Medfield church in 1745 as colleague with the pastor, Mr. Baxter signifying his assent in writing, and was ordained October 23 of the same year. He married Sarah Allen of Newton, who died in 1766. At least two sermons of his were published: one, in 1749, on the subject, "Children included in the Abrahamic Covenant: A *Caveat* against Strife among Christian Brethren"; the other, in 1759, a sermon of thanksgiving for the reduction of Quebec by the forces under General Wolfe. The next year he received an appointment as chaplain in Colonel Bagley's regiment, and served in the garrison at Louisburg.

In 1769, he was formally dismissed from the pastoral office. He continued to reside in town until 1776, when, attending a friend unexpectedly affected with small-pox, he took the disease, was carried to a hospital in Dedham, died, and was buried there. His house was on Frairy Street, and is now owned by the Derby heirs. Children :—

2. JONATHAN, 1751.
3. WILLIAM, 1753-1753.
4. SARAH, 1754-1836.
5. WILLIAM, 1755-1763.
6. GREGORY, 1758-1763.
7. GEORGE, 1760-1787.
8. MARY, 1761-1787.
- +9. HORATIO, 1763.
10. GREGORY, 1766-1840; unmarried; built and lived in the house on North Street, opposite Frairy Street. He bought the lot of the Cooleidge heirs in 1800.

9.

HORATIO² (Jonathan¹) graduated at Harvard College in 1783. After residing here a few years, he removed to Dedham, where he spent his life as a lawyer. He married Anstis Green, daughter

of Nathaniel of Boston. He died in 1826, his widow in 1850, aged eighty-five. Children :—

11. MARY, 1797-1880; m. in 1820 John B. Derby (5).
12. LUCRETIA, 1798-1880.
13. HORATIO, 1799; died in South America.
14. SARAH, 1801-1869; m. in 1854 Ezra Williams of Washington, D.C.

TURNER.

JOHN TURNER came from Roxbury here, and was a member of the Roxbury church. He was among the original thirteen who formed the settlement at Medfield, and his house lot was on South Street, near Curve Street. His first house was on the west side of the street, but was occupied only a few years. In 1665, he had leave to dig a well on the common land. Two years after, he had leave to dig a cellar on the side opposite his house ; and in 1668 he was permitted to have "the spot where his siller stands to set his house on." This was near the present corner of South and Philip Streets. He brought with him his wife Deborah, and probably three children. He served five years as a member of the board of selectmen. Deborah died in 1676, and a wife Alice died in 1680. He died in 1705. Children :—

2. ELIZABETH, 1647-1676; m. in 1669 Samuel Smith (5).
3. DEBORAH, 1649; m. in 1668 Jabez Tatman, Roxbury.
- +4. JOHN, 1651.
- +5. ISAAC, 1654.
6. MARY, 1658; m. — Parker of Newton.
7. SAMUEL, 1661-1685.
8. SARAH, 1663-1738; m. in 1696 John Plimpton (4); second, John Metcalf (2).
9. ABIGAIL, 1667-1750; m. Samuel Smith (12); second, Joseph Clark (11).
10. HANNAH, 1670-1752; unmarried; died in Walpole.

4.

JOHN² (John¹) settled in the south part of the town, on the old road that led from South Plain through the woods to Stop River. In 1669, his father had a grant of a piece of land on the top of a hill to the left of the cartway ; and there John had a house of his own as early as 1680, the cellar of which is yet to be seen on land belonging to Stephen F. Turner. He married in 1677 Sarah Adams (6). After his father's death, he sold his part in the original place near Philip Street to Isaac Wheeler of Dedham. He died in 1710 ; and his inventory includes house, barn, shop, and house lot of eighteen acres, the road running past the north end of the house from the waste lands to South Plain. His widow died in 1747. John was said to be a soldier in Mosely's company. Children :—

11. DEBORAH, 1679-1679.
- +12. JOHN, 1681.

- 13. STEPHEN, 1684; m. in 1712 Judith Fisher (14), and settled on what is known as the Ford place in Wrentham, now Norfolk.
- +14. EDWARD, 1688.
- +15. EBENEZER, 1693.

5.

ISAAC² (John¹) married in 1682 Rebecca Crafts, and had a portion of his father's homestead, with whom he appears to have lived. He died in 1694, eleven years before his father; and his widow in 1708 married John Rockwood. His heirs sold their share of the old place to Isaac Wheeler. Children:—

- 16. REBECCA, 1682; m. James Allen (11).
- 17. ELIZABETH, 1684.
- +18. SAMUEL, 1686.
- 19. ISAAC, 1688.
- 20. PHILIP, 1689.

12.

JOHN³ (John,² John¹) lived on the farm "to the southward of south plain," now on High Street, owned at present by Stephen F. Turner. He built a house some distance nearer the present road, traces of which are still pointed out. He married Mary Fisher (13), who died in 1719; second, Esther, widow of Jonathan Boyden. He died in 1757, having survived all his children; and his grandson, John Smith (58), came into possession of his property. Children:—

- 21. SARAH, 1709-1753; m. in 1729 Eleazar Smith (28).
- 22. MARY, 1711-1733.
- 23. { JOHN, 1714-1714.
- 24. { MIRIAM, 1714-1714.

14.

EDWARD³ (John,² John¹) sold his rights in his father's estate to his brother John in 1741. About the same time, he appears to have bought the place of Moses Clark on South Street, near the South School-house. He married in 1745 Mercy Wight (38), he being then at the age of fifty-seven, and she forty-three. Edward Turner was a very prominent man in town affairs for many years,—constable (or collector) in 1733, on the board of selectmen for eleven years, and moderator at the town-meetings. He died in 1774; and his estate was given to his nephew, Seth Turner (34). His widow died in 1783.

15.

EBENEZER³ (John,² John¹) lived on the Walpole side of the line, near the south-easterly corner of the town of Medfield. He married in 1716 Esther Clark (53), who died in 1774. He died in 1759. Children:—

- 25. EBENEZER.
- 26. ESTHER; m. in 1742 Zachary Partridge (90?).

- 27. JOHN; perhaps of Sturbridge.
- 28. JOSEPH.
- +29. BEZALEEL.
- 30. EDWARD, 1728; lived in Walpole.
- +31. ABNER, 1730.
- 32. ELISHA, 1733; lived in Walpole.
- 33. KETURAH, 1735; m. John Cleaveland, 1761.
- +34. SETH, 1738.

18.

SAMUEL³ (Isaac,² John¹) settled in the extreme southerly part of the town, near the bridge on the road leading to Norfolk. His house was built under the brow of the hill, west of the road, on land now owned by Bonney Brothers. He married in 1711 Mary Rockwood (21). Samuel served as highway surveyor in 1718, as one of the selectmen in 1733. A new house had been built on the place prior to 1752, and he in that year deeded it to his son. The traces of that house are distinctly visible at present. He died in 1755, his wife in 1762. Children:—

- 35. MARY; m. John Varney of Medway.
- 36. REBECCA, 1715.
- 37. RACHEL, 1720.
- +38. SAMUEL, 1724.

29.

BEZALEEL⁴ (Ebenezer,³ John,² John¹) married in 1747 Elizabeth Baker (6), and settled in the extreme south-east part of the town, the site of the house, which was burned about 1770, being still shown in the woods. It was not rebuilt, and the family located on the Walpole side of the line. He died in 1787. Children:—

- 39. ELIZABETH, 1748.
- 40. BEZALEEL, 1749; m. in 1772 Mary Thompson of Wrentham.
- 41. JOEL, 1751.
- 42. { HANNAH, 1753-1757.
- 43. { THANKFUL, 1753-1827; m. in 1778 David Clark (152).
- 44. NATHAN, 1757; inherited his father's place in Walpole.
- 45. HANNAH, 1760.
- 46. LOIS, 1762.
- 47. ASA, 1765.
- 48. FINIS, 1767.
- 49. SILENCE, 1769.

31.

ABNER⁴ (Ebenezer,³ John,² John¹) married in 1754 Abigail Smith of Walpole. He lived for a while in Medfield, but finally inherited and lived on the ancestral place. Some of his children are here given. He died in 1807. Children:—

- 50. SARAH, 1755-1757.
- 51. DAVID, 1756.
- 52. ABIGAIL, 1759.
- 53. ZILPAH, 1763-1846; m. Charles Hamant (40).

34.

SETH⁴ (Ebenezer,³ John,² John¹) married in 1775 Mary Clark (109). After the death of his uncle Edward, he came into possession of the place near the South School-house, which he sold in 1786 to Eleazar Perry (14), and removed from town. Children:—

- 54. EDWARD, 1776; is said to have been a clergyman.
- 55. MARY, 1779-1783.
- 56. EXPERIENCE; died in 1783.

38.

SAMUEL⁴ (Samuel,³ Isaac,² John¹) married in 1752 Ruth Smith (42); lived in the "new house" his father had deeded to him, and bought the rights of his sisters in the estate. He died in 1784, and in 1796 the place was sold to Eleazar Perry (14). Children:—

- 57. SARAH, 1753; m. in 1792 Jeremiah Tucker of Wrentham.
- 58. JACOB, 1755; m. in 1783 Lois Boyden of Wrentham; second, in 1790, Miriam Morse of Wrentham. Jacob Turner had a house on the road south side of Noon Hill in 1793.
- 59. AZUBAH, 1758; m. in 1778 Jesse Day of Wrentham.
- 60. KEZIAH, 1760; m. Moses Frost, Chester, Vt.
- 61. SAMUEL, 1761; m. in 1789 Lucinda Guild of Wrentham; settled at Chester, Vt.
- 62. RUTH, 1764-1841; pauper.
- 63. MARY, 1765; m. in 1791 Nathaniel Stearns (2).
- 64. ENOS, 1768-1796; aided by the town.
- 65. KETURAH, 1770; m. Alanson Guild, Chester, Vt., father of Luther Guild, who afterward settled here.
- 66. ZILLAH, 1773; m. Richard Guild, Chester, Vt.
- 67. PRISCILLA, 1776-1865; m. in 1798 Timothy Hamant (36).

68.

CALVIN⁵ (Ichabod,⁴ Stephen,³ John,² John¹) was born in Wrentham in 1761. He came to Medfield, and married in 1790 Sarah Adams (75). He died in 1846, his wife in 1831. Children:—

- 69. SALLY, 1790.
- 70. OBED, 1792-1829; lived in Medway.
- +71. STEPHEN, 1794.
- 72. JOSEPH, 1797-1797.
- 73. SUSANNA, 1798-1874; m. Harding Partridge, Medway.
- 74. CALVIN, 1800-1877; lived in Mendon.
- 75. JOHN, 1802; settled in Dixfield, Me.
- 76. MARTHA; m. Elijah Cady, Hampton, Conn.

71.

STEPHEN⁶ (Calvin,⁵ Ichabod,⁴ Stephen,³ John,² John¹) became heir to his uncle, John Smith (100). He married in 1820 Susanna, daughter of Elisha Adams (80), who died in 1879. He was one of the constituent members of the Orthodox church, of

which he was afterward chosen deacon. He died in 1885.
Children : —

- +77. STEPHEN F., 1823.
- 78. JOHN S., 1825-1878.
- 79. FRANCIS A., 1827-1831.

77.

STEPHEN F.⁷ (Stephen,⁶ Calvin,⁵ Ichabod,⁴ Stephen,³ John,² John¹) married in 1853 Mary J. Babcock (18), who died in 1869; second, in 1871, Abbie F. Lewis. Children : —

- 80. LAVELLA J. F., 1854.
- 81. ARTHUR S., 1857-1869.
- 82. MARY ADDIE, 1865.

83.

CHARLES F.⁷ (Obed,⁶ Calvin,⁵ Ichabod,⁴ Stephen,³ John,² John¹) was born in Medway, and married Eliza Fairbanks of Medway. Children : —

- 84. HARRIET E., 1846-1852.
- 85. ABBY L., 1850; m. in 1875 R. Emmons Cole (27).
- 86. CHARLES F., 1851-1853.
- 87. EMERY H., 1854; m. Lydia A. Elder of Lewiston, Me.
- 88. MARIAN M., 1863-1879.

89.

JOHN A.⁶ (John,⁵ Ichabod,⁴ Stephen,³ John,² John¹) was born in Wrentham in 1802; married in 1829 Catherine Morse (98), and inherited her father's homestead, now owned by John Y. Thurston. He was an esteemed and useful citizen; served as sexton for many years. His first wife died in 1857; and he married in 1861 Harriet Ellis (112), who died in 1862. He died in 1864. Children : —

- 90. J. ADDISON, 1833.
- 91. THADDEUS M., 1838.
- 92. ELIZA C., 1844-1855.

93.

GEORGE TURNER was a deserter from the British army during the Revolutionary war. He is said to have been gardener to the Duke of Argyle before entering the army. He came to Medfield, and hid in what is called "Cheney Pond" woods until it became safe for him to be seen abroad. He married in 1777 Amy Clark (187), and lived on the place that had belonged to her father on South Street, just beyond the brook. The family soon became a public charge, and the town received \$67 yearly from the State for their support. He continued to be a State pauper till the

time of his death in 1824, at the age of eighty-three. His wife died in 1813. Children :—

94. HANNAH, 1776; was the mother of Sally Fisher in 1804.
95. WILLIAM, 1778.
96. MARGARET, 1780; perhaps m. Jonas Pike of Sturbridge.
97. LUCY, 1782-1868.
98. GEORGE, 1785-1866.
99. AMY, 1787-1876.
100. POLLV, 1793-1854.

WALLACE.

ALFRED WALLACE, son of Alfred and Milly Wallace, was born in Medway in 1805. He came here when young, having been brought up in the family of Shem Armsby (15), and worked here many years as a carpenter. He married in 1829 Drusilla Walker, daughter of Jesse and Sarah (Smith 115) Walker of New Salem, who had lived from childhood in the family of Johnson Mason (44). About 1850, he built for himself the house on North Street, which (since enlarged) is now occupied by William F. Harding. Five years later, he removed to Boston, where he died in 1885, his wife having died in 1880. Children :—

2. CLARA S., 1832; m. in 1857 Moses Shatswell of Salem; resides in Boston.
3. WILLIAM H., 1835; is a salesman in Boston.
4. ABBIE W., 1840; m. in 1860 Oscar F. Cory; second, in 1883, G. W. Slocomb of Holliston.
5. CHARLES E., 1843-1862; died at Savage Station, Va., in hospital, a prisoner of war.
6. JEROME B., 1845-1860.

WARE.

JAMES WARE was born in Wrentham in 1785, son of Elias and Deborah Ware. His wife was Eliza, daughter of Joseph Pope of Boston. He came to Medfield about 1828, and commenced keeping store in the building on the east corner of Main and Pleasant Streets, which he continued for several years. After relinquishing business, he continued to reside on the same spot till his death in 1865. His wife died the same year. Children :—

2. JAMES, 1819; m. Annie R. Sneeden of Boston.
3. PASCHAL P. P., 1820; m. Lucy D. Lewis of Everett.
4. EMILY, 1822.
5. JOSEPH O., 1826; m. Harriett C. Lewis of Boston.
6. ADDISON P., 1829; m. Sarah B. Sanderson of Springfield.

7.

HERMAN WARE was born in Wrentham in 1801, son of Hezekiah Ware and Abigail (Boyden) Ware. He came to Medfield in 1842, and lived on Elm Street, at the old house beyond Mill Brook. In 1853, he and his son removed to a new house on

South Street. He married in 1828 Ruth Whiting of Wrentham, who died in 1871. He died in 1883. Children:—

8. SUSAN E., 1829; m. in 1851 Frederick H. Wight of Dover.
9. CHARLES H., 1832-1870; m. in 1862 Susan E. Sanders of Milford.
10. SARAH E., 1834-1850.

WARFIELD.

JOHN WARFIELD came to Medfield when a young man, and was here as early as 1654, in which year he was appointed to "burn the woods." He married in 1661 Elizabeth Sheppard (4). She died in 1669, and he married in the same year Peregrina Wheelock (6), who died in 1671. His third wife was Hannah Randall. He had a house on Bridge Street, said to be on the side of the way opposite the meadows, perhaps the same that belonged at first to the Sheppard family. Warfield removed to Mendon in 1685, where he was the first schoolmaster and a deacon of the church. He died in 1692. Children:—

2. JOHN, 1662.
3. ELIZABETH, 1665.
4. ITHAMAR, 1676.
5. EPHRAIM, 1679.
6. ELIHU, 1682.

Other children were born in Mendon.

WARREN.

JOSEPH WARREN had a grant of land in 1667, and owned a house as early as 1673. That house was burned by the Indians in 1676, and his case is specially referred to by Mr. Wilson in his letter to the General Court. He lived somewhere to the southward of Castle Hill, perhaps near the present Pine Street. A lot of land in that locality long went by the name of the "Warren lot." He married in 1668 Experience Wheelock (9). He died in 1718; and the homestead came into the possession of his son-in-law, Eleazar Wight. Children:—

2. RELIEF, 1670-1740; m. Eleazar Wight (12).
3. EXPERIENCE, 1672-1704; m. in 1699 Daniel Thurston (26).
4. ABIGAIL, 1674; m. in 1701 John Bullard (9); died prior to 1722.
5. REBECCA, 1677; m. Peter Randall. A Rebecca Randall died here in 1740.
6. JOSEPH, 1680-1699.
7. MEHITABLE, 1684; m. in 1703 Gershom Brigham.
8. MARY, 1689; m. in 1707 Joseph Lawrence.

WHEELER.

ISAAC WHEELER was the son of Richard of Dedham, and wife, Elizabeth Turner. In 1708, Isaac bought the house which had

been the property of John Turner, and which stood near the corner of South and Philip Streets. In 1720, he bought out the remaining heirs to the Turner estate, which lay along the north side of Curve Street. He came to Medfield several years earlier; was a carpenter. His wife was Experience Metcalf (6). Isaac and his wife both died in 1731. Children:—

2. MARY; m. in 1713 Joseph Boyden (14).
3. EXPERIENCE; m. Joseph Clark (54); second, Daniel Wedge of Mendon; died 1774.
4. RICHARD; settled in Worcester.
- +5. ISAAC, 1698.
6. ABRAHAM, 1700; said to have settled in Worcester.

5.

ISAAC² (Isaac¹) married Sarah Lawrence, daughter of Ebenezer of Wrentham. He lived on the place that had been his father's till 1755, when he sold it to Seth Clark, removed from town, and settled in Rutland, where descendants still live. Children:—

7. ISAAC, 1735.
8. SARAH, 1738.
9. MERCY, 1740.
10. RHODA, 1744.
11. ABRAHAM, 1746.
12. JACOB, 1749.
13. EDE, 1751-1755.

WHEELOCK.

RALPH WHEELOCK, "the founder of Medfield," was born in Shropshire, England, in 1600. He was educated at Clare Hall, Cambridge. He was a dissenting preacher, and came from England when the tide of persecution ran highest. It is said he often preached after coming to this country, though never a settled minister. He came from Watertown to Dedham at the time of its settlement, and was active in the formation of the church there; was a freeman in 1639. In 1642, he was appointed a local magistrate and "clerk of the writs." In 1645, he was authorized to "solemnize marriages" in that town.

His house lot was the first granted in Medfield, and was at the corner of Main and North Streets, the site lately owned by Elijah Thayer. The twelve acres in his lot included the spot where the house stood on the north side of Main Street, from North to Short Street, and also a field opposite, extending along what is now Pleasant Street. His house was built in the latter part of 1651 or beginning of 1652. He was a member of the first board of selectmen in 1651, and served four years afterward. In 1653, he was chosen to take up a collection for Harvard College. In 1655, the first school was established; and Ralph Wheelock was the schoolmaster. He was deputy, or representative to the General Court, for several years, and held almost every office of importance

in the gift of the town; was the magistrate here, and was commissioned to perform the marriage service within the bounds of Medfield and Mendon. He died in 1683, his wife Rebecca in 1680. Children:—

- +2. GERSHOM.
- 3. MARY; m. in 1661 Joseph Miles; went to Shrewsbury.
- +4. BENJAMIN, 1640.
- +5. SAMUEL, 1642.
- 6. PEREGRINA; m. in 1669 John Warfield (1); died in 1671.
- 7. REBECCA; m. John Crafts of Roxbury in 1654.
- 8. RECORD, 1644; m. in 1672 Increase Ward of Shrewsbury.
- 9. EXPERIENCE, 1648; m. in 1668 Joseph Warren (1).
- +10. ELEAZAR, 1654.

2.

GERSHOM² (Ralph¹) was in the list for Mr. Wilson's rate in 1657, and probably came of age about that time. He married Hannah Stodder, daughter of John of Hingham, in 1658. In 1663, he had liberty from the town to cut "200 cedar plank" in the common swamp. His house stood on the Harbor Island road, a short distance south-west of the present residence of Charles Hamant. He rung the bell and swept the meeting-house in 1674, for which the town paid him £2 15s. The next year, he assisted in thatching the meeting-house. His house was burned by the Indians in 1676, and it appears to have been rebuilt on the same spot. He died in 1684, and in 1690 his heirs sold the homestead to Joseph Plimpton. Children:—

- 12. HANNAH, 1659-1659.
- 13. SAMUEL, 1660-1660.
- 14. HANNAH, 1661.
- 15. SAMUEL, 1664; settled in Marlboro; afterward in Shrewsbury.
- 16. JOHN, 1670-1684.
- 17. JOSEPH; settled in Lancaster.
- 18. TIMOTHY, 1673-1761; seems to have been incapable of taking care of himself. In 1699, a special town meeting was called to see about Timothy Wheelock. Voted "to pay out of the town treasury to John Arnold, prison-keeper, to take the best and most prudent care of Wheelock." In 1749, Joseph Wheelock of Lancaster deeds lands to Ephraim Wheelock of Medfield "for taking care of my brother, Timothy Wheelock." He died in Medway.

4.

BENJAMIN² (Ralph¹) married in 1668 Elizabeth Bullen (4), and is mentioned as having a house in the same year. It stood near where that of heirs of Mr. Sewall now stands. Perhaps the foundations of a chimney that were unearthed there a few years ago belonged to Benjamin Wheelock's house. In 1669, he received a small grant of land "between his house and the brook, taking in

some part of the brook." He left Medfield, and settled in Mendon about 1685. Children:—

19. ELIZABETH, 1671.
20. MARY, 1674.
21. ABIEL, 1676.
22. BENJAMIN, 1678.
23. OBADIAH, 1685.

5.

SAMUEL² (Ralph¹) married at Rehoboth in 1678 Sarah Kenrick. He inherited the original Wheelock estate on the corner of North Street. He died in 1698, and his widow married in 1703 Josiah Rockwood (4). The place passed into the possession of his brother Eleazar. Children:—

24. SARAH, 1679-1716; m. in 1700 Henry Guernsey.
25. SAMUEL, 1680-1698.
26. REBECCA, 1681-1682.
27. DRODAT, 1684-1684.
28. MERCY, 1685; died young.
29. MEHTABLE, 1689; m. in 1709 Benoni Partridge (58).
30. THOMAS, 1691-1691.

10.

ELEAZAR² (Ralph¹) married in 1678 Elizabeth Fuller of Rehoboth. She died in 1689; and he married, second, Mary Chenery (4), who died in 1732. The first notice of him in the town records is in 1676, when he killed four wolves. He removed to Mendon soon after his marriage. He was a surveyor of land there in 1681. He distinguished himself as a hunter of wild beasts while living in Mendon. Afterward, returning to Medfield about 1701, he purchased of Grindal Rawson the Wilson homestead, where the town hall now stands. He also became owner of the original Wheelock estate on the west corner of North Street. Captain Wheelock was selectman in 1720, and was a prominent man in town affairs. He died in 1731. Children:—

31. ELIZABETH, 1678.
32. RALPH; settled in Windham, Conn.; was the father of Eleazar Wheelock, founder of Dartmouth College.
33. MARY, 1686-1714; m. in 1703 David Clark (20).
34. ELEAZAR, 1690-1705.
35. REBECCA, 1692; m. John Fisher (12); second, in 1715, Jeremiah Adams of Medway.
- +36. EPHRAIM, 1697.
37. ABIGAIL, 1699-1726; m. in 1723 Peter Cooledge (1).

36.

EPHRAIM³ (Eleazar,² Ralph¹) owned the ancestral corner as well as the Wilson place. He was chosen deacon of the church in 1738, and was a prominent man in town affairs. He married

first, in 1721, Miriam Bullen (24), who died in 1727; second, in 1729, Priscilla Plimpton (33), who died in 1740; third, Experience Bullard (28), who died in 1755; fourth, Mary, widow of Samuel Ellis (21), who died in 1762; fifth, in 1766, Elizabeth Colburn of Dedham, who died in 1775. Mary, his fourth wife, gave in her will £8 to be improved for the use of the public schools, and £5 6s. 8d. for the use of the ministry. The old field that was Mr. Wilson's, lying between South and Pleasant Streets, had the first piece taken out of it in 1739, when Deacon Wheelock sold five rods on the corner of Main and South Streets to Richard Mann to build a saddler's shop upon. Ephraim died in 1785. Children:

38. ELEAZAR, 1724-1812; was called "Master Wheelock," as he was schoolmaster here 1756-1775. He married in 1790 Sarah Plimpton (80), and lived on the original Wheelock homestead, corner of Main and North Streets. The ancient house was torn down in 1780. Having no children, the estate was given to the nephew of his wife, Simon Plimpton, son of Jonathan (81).
39. RALPH, 1726; settled in Sturbridge.
40. ABIGAIL, 1730; m. in 1752 Lemuel Kollock.
- +41. JOSEPH, 1732.
- +42. EPHRAIM, 1733.
43. MOSES, 1736-1736.
44. MOSES, 1737-1801; settled in Westboro.
45. ICHABOD, 1740-1740.
46. PRISCILLA, 1743-1834; m. in 1762 Silas Mason (29).

41.

JOSEPH⁴ (Ephraim,³ Eleazar,² Ralph¹) kept school in 1763; married in 1770 Sarah Clark (166). He owned a part of the saw-mill at Noon Hill as well as various lands in that vicinity, which he sold in 1769 to Joseph Plimpton; was a selectman in 1767 and 1770. He removed to Sherborn, where he lived several years; died in 1787, and his widow married Samuel Sanger of Sherborn in 1789. Children:—

47. JOSEPH, 1770-1770.
- +48. SETH, 1772.

There were several other children not recorded here: Clark, who was lost at sea; Sally, born in 1778, died in 1802; Ebenezer, born in 1781, died in Sherborn in 1844; and Thankful, born in 1782.

42.

EPHRAIM⁴ (Ephraim,³ Eleazar,² Ralph¹) served four years in the French and Indian war, was a captain at the siege of Louisburg. He was a colonel in the Revolutionary war, commanded a regiment in the Continental Army, and was at Ticonderoga and Crown Point. He married in 1767 Mary Clapp of Walpole, daughter of Stephen, who died in 1808. After this, he sold his estate in Medfield, and lived with his son Gershom in Shrewsbury,

till 1824, when he returned, and lived here with his son Oliver till his death in 1826. Children :—

49. PRISCILLA, 1768; m. in 1789 Joel Gay of Walpole.
50. OLIVER, 1770-1831; m. in 1798 Elizabeth Newell of Sherborn. He kept a store on the east corner of North Street which he sold in 1809, and bought in 1819 a small house at the westerly end of the cemetery. His widow died in 1844.
51. OLIVE, 1773-1859; m. in 1796 Eliakim Morse (72).
52. MARY, 1776-1776.
- +53. GERSHOM, 1779.
- +54. SAMUEL, 1781.

48.

SETH 5 (Joseph,⁴ Ephraim,³ Eleazar,² Ralph¹) married in 1797 Susanna Gerauld (14). The family removed to Warwick. Children :—

55. SALLY, 1798.
56. SUSANNA, 1800.
57. JOSEPH, 1802.
58. MARTHA J., 1807.
59. MARY, 1809.

53.

GERSHOM 5 (Ephraim,⁴ Ephraim,³ Eleazar,² Ralph¹) married in 1802 Abigail Adams (151), who died in 1805; second, in 1806, Priscilla Mason (73), after which he removed to Shrewsbury. He died in 1855, his wife in 1845. Children :—

60. NATHAN A., 1804-1852; died in Shrewsbury.
61. MARGARET, 1805-1805.

Several children of the second marriage were born after removal.

54.

SAMUEL 5 (Ephraim,⁴ Ephraim,³ Eleazar,² Ralph¹) married in 1804 Betsey Wight (112). In 1809, Samuel and his wife were dismissed to the church in Greensboro, Vt. Children :—

62. EPHRAIM, 1805.
63. ELIAS M., 1807.

WHITING.

NATHANIEL WHITING was the son of Nathaniel of Dedham, born in 1644. He married Joanna Gay, daughter of John of Dedham, in 1664. The first notice of him in Medfield is in the records of 1666, when he was paid for killing a wolf. The first grant of land he received here was a small piece "joining the south-east corner of his house lot." The location of his house is not easily determined; but it was probably on North Street, not far from Pine Street. He had been one of the subscribers to the college, and in the report of collections it is stated that he had been burned

out by the Indians. In 1676, Joanna Whiting of Medfield was appointed administratrix on the estate of her husband, Nathaniel Whiting. Inventory includes real estate in Medfield. No house mentioned here. Probably it was never rebuilt.

A brother of his, Samuel Whiting, was in Medfield from 1681 to 1690. Another brother, Timothy, was here in 1682, but was in Dedham afterward. His widow Joanna married John Ware of Wrentham in 1680. Children:—

2. JOANNA, 1665.
3. NATHANIEL, 1667; a Nathaniel was in Medway 1714.
4. JOHN, 1669-1669.
5. SAMUEL, 1671.
6. HEZEKIAH, 1673.

WIGHT.

THOMAS WIGHT is said to have come from the Isle of Wight to this country, bringing his wife Alice and three sons. He was at Watertown in 1636, came to Dedham in the early days of that settlement, and was made a freeman in 1640. He was one of the original thirteen who settled in Medfield; and his house lot was on what is now Green Street, a short distance east of the corner of North Street. He removed his family here in the latter part of 1652, and is first mentioned in the records in 1653; was mentioned as deacon of the church in 1667. He served nineteen years on the board of selectmen. His wife died in 1665; and he married Lydia, widow of James Penniman, sister of the "Apostle" Eliot. Thomas died in 1674, his wife in 1676. Children:—

2. HENRY; remained in Dedham.
- +3. JOHN.
- +4. THOMAS.
5. MARY; m. in 1657 Thomas Ellis (52).
- +6. SAMUEL, 1639.
- +7. EPHRAIM, 1645.

3.

JOHN² (Thomas¹) was of age when his father came to Medfield, and was one of the original thirteen. He was the first of that number to be called away by death. His house lot was next his father's on the north-east. He died in 1653, and a daughter Abiel was born on the 1st of January following. His widow in 1655 married Isaac Bullard of Dedham, who in 1667 was appointed guardian of Abiel, "daughter to the late John Wight." She had several grants of land from this town. There is nothing further known in regard to her.

4.

THOMAS² (Thomas¹) was accepted as a townsman in 1658. He lived on Green Street, east of his father's place. He was burned

out by the Indians in 1676, and was in circumstances of great need, as is shown by his petition to the General Court. He married Mehitable Cheney, sister of William and Joseph. He died in 1690. Children:—

9. MEHITABLE, 1663.
10. THOMAS, 1665.
11. MARY, 1667-1705; m. in 1686 Joseph Clark (11).
- +12. ELEAZAR, 1670.
- +13. JOSHUA, 1679.

6.

SAMUEL² (Thomas¹) settled in the north part of the town as early as 1673. The site of his house can yet be seen on the west side of North Street, near the house of W. C. Allen. He was burned out by the Indians in 1676, but rebuilt, apparently upon the same spot. He married in 1663 Hannah Albee (6). Both were in full communion at the time of Mr. Baxter's settlement. He died in 1716, his wife in 1723. Children:—

14. HANNAH, 1664-1664.
- +15. SAMUEL, 1665.
16. HANNAH, 1667; m. John Thompson.
17. JOHN, 1670; probably died young.
18. NATHANIEL, 1672-1675.
19. BENJAMIN, 1674; mentioned in his father's will, 1710.
20. ABIEL, 1676; m. — Randall.
- +21. JOSEPH, 1679.
- +22. JONATHAN, 1682.

7.

EPHRAIM² (Thomas¹) inherited his father's homestead on Green Street. He married in 1668 Lydia Morse (12); died in 1723, his wife in 1722. Nathaniel Partridge and Thomas Boyden protested against the will "of our honoured father, knowing him to be a religious, good man, but not capable to make a will these seven years last past." Children:—

23. LYDIA, 1669-1741; m. in 1686 Nathaniel Partridge (2).
24. ESTHER, 1670.
- +25. EPHRAIM, 1672.
26. MIRIAM, 1675; m. in 1701 Joseph Allen (18).
- +27. NATHANIEL, 1678.
- +28. DANIEL, 1680.
29. BETHIA, 1683; m. in 1708 Malachi Bullard (105).
30. DEBORAH, 1685-1764; m. in 1707 Thomas Boyden (12).
31. RUTH, 1688; m. in 1715 Abraham Harding (18).

12.

ELEAZAR³ (Thomas,² Thomas¹) inherited his father's homestead on Green Street. He married Relief Warren (2), who at her father's death came into possession of his homestead. She

died in 1740; and he deeded the Warren place to his son Thomas, together with half the homestead. He died in 1747. Children:—

- +34. THOMAS, 1697.
- 35. ELEAZAR, 1701; went to Mendon.

13.

JOSHUA³ (Thomas,² Thomas¹) was a minor when his father died; and Joseph Clark, his brother-in-law, was appointed his guardian. In 1696, he married Abigail Rockwood (14), a youthful couple, each being seventeen years of age. She died the same year; and he married in 1699 Elizabeth Spowell, by whom he had a daughter Elizabeth, born here in 1703. His house was on the south side of Farm Street, a little east of the railroad crossing. He sold it in 1708 to Elisha Bullen; removed to Windham, Conn., where a son Joshua was born in 1708, and where he died in 1762.

15.

SAMUEL³ (Samuel,² Thomas¹), called Sergeant Samuel, built a house opposite his father's, near where that of W. C. Allen now stands. He was a weaver by trade; served on the board of selectmen in 1707 and 1728; married in 1687 Mary Pratt (3), who died in 1743. He died in 1745, giving his homestead to his two daughters. Children:—

- 36. MARY, 1689-1753; bought out her sister's rights in the homestead, and at her death gave it to "her friend, Jonathan Allen" (44).
- 37. HANNAH, 1691-1760; m. in 1718 John Ellis (8); second, in 1746, John Pratt (15).

21.

JOSEPH³ (Samuel,² Thomas¹) inherited the homestead of his father. His wife Mercy died in 1725. In 1729, he sold his place, and removed to Bellingham. He died in 1758. Children:—

- 38. MERCY, 1702-1783; m. in 1745 Edward Turner (14).
- 39. JOSEPH, 1705-1792; settled in Bellingham.
- 40. SAMUEL, 1707-1708.
- 41. REBECCA, 1709.
- 42. KEZIA, 1712-1717.
- 43. ELNATHAN, 1716-1761; pastor of the Baptist church in Bellingham.
- 44. MARTHA, 1718.
- 45. KEZIA, 1725; m. Ebenezer Holbrook of Mendon in 1748.

22.

JONATHAN³ (Samuel,² Thomas¹) married in 1704 Margaret Fairbanks (14), and settled in the north-west part of the town, on the road to Death's Bridge. The cellar is still visible near the

railroad crossing. He died in 1779, aged ninety-seven, his wife in 1787, aged one hundred and three. Children:—

- +46. JONATHAN, 1705.
- +47. JOHN, 1708.
- 48. SAMUEL, 1711; was living in 1779.
- 49. PHEBE, 1713; m. in 1740 Eleazar Allen, Jr.
- 50. ASA, 1715-1742.
- 51. BENJAMIN, 1720-1800; died a pauper; m. in 1776 Lydia Draper of Dedham.
- 52. AARON, 1722-1736.
- +53. WILLIAM, 1725.
- 54. MARGARET, 1729; m. in 1753 Joseph Fisher of Wrentham.

25.

EPHRAIM³ (Ephraim,² Thomas¹) settled in the north part of the town, at the place now owned by B. F. Shumway on Farm Street. He was living there certainly as early as 1722, and probably some years before. He married in 1702 Sarah Partridge (7). He died in 1744, his widow in 1763. Children:—

- 55. STEPHEN, 1703-1706.
- 56. SARAH, 1706; living unmarried 1743.
- 57. SETH, 1707-1708.
- +58. SETH, 1709.
- 59. CALEB, 1711; he inherited his father's place, but died unmarried in 1777, and gave his estate to his nephew, Nahum Wight.
- 60. RUTH, 1713; m. in 1740 Samuel Fisher of Medway.
- 61. MARY, 1717; m. in 1742 Ebenezer Bullard (42).

27.

NATHANIEL³ (Ephraim,² Thomas¹) married in 1704 Sarah Ellis (11), who died in 1705; second, in 1706, Mehitable Hinsdale (19). He settled on the west side of the river, and was in Medway a few years. In 1741, he and his three sons were in Killingly, Conn. Children:—

- 62. MEHITABLE, 1707.
- 63. ELIPHALET, 1711.
- 64. LEVI, 1712-1797; settled in Killingly, Conn.
- 65. JOHN; and others born after removal.

28.

DANIEL³ (Ephraim,² Thomas¹) inherited the original Wight place on Green Street. He married in 1721 Lydia Eastes (said to be daughter of Matthew of Dover, N.H.), who died in 1749. He died in 1744. Children:—

- +66. PETER, 1722.
- 67. BATHSHEBA, 1723-1760.
- 68. EPHRAIM, 1729; m. Abigail Upham in 1752.
- 69. DINAH, 1732-1736.

34.

THOMAS⁴ (Eleazar,³ Thomas,² Thomas¹) married in 1745 Mary Richardson (9). He inherited and lived on the place that had been his father's on Green Street, which in those days was called "Wight's Lane." He died in 1757, his widow in 1774. His estate consisted of a house lot with buildings and other lands, among which was the "Warren lot." Son:—

70. LEMUEL, 1746. He married in 1765 Elizabeth Ware of Wrentham. Four years later, he had removed thither, and sold the house lot to Moses Hartshorn. It still bears the name of "the Wight piece." A Lemuel Wight died in Foxboro in 1821.

46.

JONATHAN⁴ (Jonathan,³ Samuel,² Thomas¹) bought in 1732 of David Ellis the old Partridge estate, at the corner of North and Railroad Streets, with a piece of "plow land" on the east side of the road. In 1746, he bought the buildings and a part of the land belonging to Edward Partridge's estate adjoining him on the north. He married in 1732 Sarah Plimpton (28). He was a carpenter by trade; served as a selectman in 1747 and 1752. He died in 1781, his widow in 1798. Children:—

71. DAVID, 1733-1822; m. in 1760 Catherine Morse (67); kept a public house in Medway from 1766 to 1774, when he removed to Sturbridge.
 +72. JONATHAN, 1734.
 73. SARAH, 1736-1834; m. in 1761 David Plimpton (53).
 74. SIMEON, 1737-1737.
 75. LOIS, 1738-1831.
 76. EUNICE, 1740-1817; m. in 1763 Deacon Enoch Adams (57).
 77. { MOSES, 1741-1742.
 +78. { AARON, 1741.
 79. SILENCE, 1743-1817; m. in 1777 Rev. Daniel Adams of Watertown; second, in 1784, John Baxter (14).
 +80. MOSES, 1745.
 81. THANKFUL, 1747-1824; m. in 1799 James Perrigo of Wrentham.
 82. SIMEON, 1750-1777; was a surgeon in the navy, and was killed in the Revolutionary war. He left children in Woodstock, Conn.
 83. HENRY, 1752-1837; graduated at Harvard College in 1782; taught the North school here 1781-82; was ordained pastor at Bristol Jan. 5, 1785.
 84. JOB, 1754-1809; graduated at Harvard College in 1784; was a home missionary in Western New York.

47.

JOHN⁴ (Jonathan,³ Samuel,² Thomas¹) lived on North Street, at the place now owned by Noah Allen. The house and land had belonged to Mary, first wife of Captain Joseph Clark: it fell to

her daughters, the wives of Nathaniel Smith and Timothy Hamant in 1732, who doubtless sold it soon after to John Wight, as he appears to have been living there about that time. In 1746, he bought a part of Edward Partridge's homestead lying near him. In 1762, he bought the saw-mill which stood near the present railroad junction. He married in 1735 Mary Plimpton (26). He died in 1770, his widow in 1782. Children:—

- +85. JOHN, 1736.
- 86. AARON, 1737-1737.
- 87. JABEZ, 1738-1740.
- 89. ABIGAIL, 1741.
- +90. ASA, 1742.
- 91. MOLLY, 1747-1748.
- 92. MARY, 1752; m. in 1772 Seth Wight (100).

53.

WILLIAM⁴ (Jonathan,³ Samuel,² Thomas¹) was living with or near his father on Canal Street in 1756. In 1759, he sold "one half the home place now occupied by father Jonathan Wight" to John Wight, Jr. He removed to Natick. He married in 1748 Susanna Bullard (34), who died in 1807. Children:—

- 93. MARGARET, 1749.
- +94. OLIVER, 1753.
- 95. ABNER, 1756.
- 96. RHODA, 1758.

A son Jabez was born in Natick.

58.

SETH⁴ (Ephraim,³ Ephraim,² Thomas¹) married in 1741 Sarah Pratt (16), who died in 1746; second, in 1751, Hannah Morse (131). In 1736, Jonathan Mason of Dedham sold his place to Seth Wight of Medfield. He seems to have lived here with his brother, however, on Farm Street. He died in 1780; served on the board of selectmen in 1754 and 1761. Children:—

- 97. JOEL, 1741-1824; went to Dublin, N.H.; afterward lived in Sherborn.
- 98. OLIVE, 1743; m. in 1766 Samuel Cheney (32).
- +99. NAHUM, 1745.
- +100. SETH, 1753.
- 101. SARAH, 1758.

66

PETER⁴ (Daniel,³ Ephraim,² Thomas¹) was the next successor to the original homestead on Green Street. He married in 1752 Mary Barber of Medway, daughter of Joseph (24). He was living here in 1762; but in that year he appears to have exchanged his place in Medfield with John Hooker for a place in Medway, to which he probably removed at once. Hooker sold the Wight

place the same year to Nathan Coolidge. Peter died in 1800 in Medway. Children:—

- 102. DANIEL, 1753-1800; m. Polly Puffer of Wrentham in 1781.
He died at South Brimfield, now Wales, Mass.
- 103. DINAH, 1758; m. in 1781 Jonathan Frost of Westboro.

72.

JONATHAN⁵ (Jonathan,⁴ Jonathan,³ Samuel,² Thomas¹) built the house now owned by George Wight. He was chosen deacon of the old church in 1804. His wife was Lois Clark (82), who died in 1801. He died in 1830. Children:—

- 104. AMOS, 1760; m. in 1790 Hannah Morse, daughter of John (119). She died in 1793. He had two daughters,—Hannah, who married Jonathan Battelle, and Abigail, wife of John Shumway. He resided in Dover until after his marriage with Lavinia Perry (13) in 1811, when he came to Medfield, and lived at the place recently owned by I. C. Lane. He died in 1845, his wife in 1842.
- 105. NATHAN, 1762-1764.
- 106. SARAH, 1764-1864; m. in 1790 Obed Hartshorn of Dover.
- 107. MARGARET, 1767-1849.
- +108. JONATHAN, 1769.
- 109. NATHAN, 1772-1850; m. in 1799 Abigail Adams (77). His place was that now owned by B. F. Shumway.

78.

AARON⁵ (Jonathan,⁴ Jonathan,³ Samuel,² Thomas¹) enlisted in the French and Indian war, and was very sick in New York State. One of his brothers went to see him, but did not know him he was so much emaciated. He said, "Are *you* my brother?" He said, "Yes, what there is left of me." He was nursed by a squaw whom he called his Indian mother, and years afterward went to see her. He became a physician, and settled in Medway. In 1776, he had a small-pox hospital. He died in 1813, his widow in 1833.

80.

MOSES⁵ (Jonathan,⁴ Jonathan,³ Samuel,² Thomas¹) settled on his father's place, but sold it in 1807 to Jonathan, his brother. He married in 1780 Sarah Tolman of Needham, who died in 1833, aged seventy-three. He was one of the constituent members of the Orthodox church; died in 1829. Children:—

- 111. ELIZABETH, 1781-1782.
- 112. BETSEY E., 1783; m. Samuel Wheelock (54).
- +113. CHARLES, 1784.
- 114. HENRY, 1787-1811; died in Havana.
- 115. MOSES, 1791-1811; died in Havana.
- 116. POLLY; m. in 1812 William Chapell.
- 117. ADALIZA, 1797; m. John Fairbanks.

There is said to have been Sarah, also, born in 1790.

85.

JOHN⁵ (John,⁴ Jonathan,³ Samuel,² Thomas¹) married in 1762 Elizabeth Reed of Sherborn. In 1770, he was said to be of Monadnock No. 3. In 1772, he and his wife were dismissed to the church in Dublin. Children:—

- 118. ELIZABETH, 1763.
- 119. JAEZ, 1764.
- 120. MIRIAM, 1766.

90.

ASA⁵ (John,⁴ Jonathan,³ Samuel,² Thomas¹) succeeded to possession of his father's estate, including the saw-mill. He married in 1771 Hannah Boyden (40), who died in 1791; second, in 1793, Miriam Partridge (39), who died in 1816. He died in 1808. Children:—

- 121. HANNAH; died in 1789.
- 122. HANNAH, 1794; m. in 1817 Hosea King of Newfane, Vt.
- 123. MARY, 1796.
- 124. ASA, 1799-1800.
- 125. MIRIAM, 1800-1819.

94.

OLIVER⁵ (William,⁴ Jonathan,³ Samuel,² Thomas¹) married in 1781 Rachel Clark (211). He lived in Medway at one time, and it is not known that he ever owned real estate here. Children:—

- 126. OLIVER, 1782; m. Betsey Russell of Sherborn, who died in 1816, leaving four children. The family removed from town.
- 127. SHUBAEL, 1785; m. Clarissa Williams. One son, Addison, was born here in 1813.

99.

NAHUM⁵ (Seth,⁴ Ephraim,³ Ephraim,² Thomas¹) inherited the estate of his uncle Caleb Wight on Farm Street. He married in 1771 Hannah Hill, who died the following year, leaving a daughter Hannah, who, being sick, was received to communion in the Medfield church in 1789. His second marriage in 1778 was with Abigail Bullard of Sherborn. They removed to Westford in 1799. Children:—

- 128. SALLY, 1781.
- 129. WALTER, 1782-1785.
- 130. CALEB, 1786.

Another, Hannah, is said to have been born in 1798.

100.

SETH⁵ (Seth,⁴ Ephraim,³ Ephraim,² Thomas¹) married in 1772 Mary Wight (92). He removed to Dover in 1773, and died in 1799. Children:—

- 131. AARON, 1773; m. in 1800 Abigail Smith (122), and settled in Medway.
- 132. CALEB, 1775; m. Vinci Morse of Sherborn.

- 133. OLIVER, 1777; m. Mary Russell of Sherborn. A son of his, Horace, lived in this town, and died in 1868.
- 134. MARY, 1780; died about 1870.
- 135. NABBY, 1783.
- 136. CLARISSA, 1785; m. James Mann of Dover.
- 137. ASA, 1788; m. Sibyl Holbrook of Sherborn.
- 138. CYNTHIA, 1790.
- 139. ARNOLD, 1793.
- 140. CHARLOTTE, 1795.

108.

JONATHAN⁶ (Jonathan,⁵ Jonathan,⁴ Jonathan,³ Samuel,² Thomas¹) married in 1794 Sarah Harding (63). He served as a selectman in 1815, 1816, 1820, and 1824. He died in 1850, his wife in 1844. Children:—

- 141. SALLY, 1794-1850; unmarried; taught school in 1813.
- + 142. JONATHAN, 1796.
- + 143. ORION, 1799.
- 144. MARY, 1805-1830; unmarried.

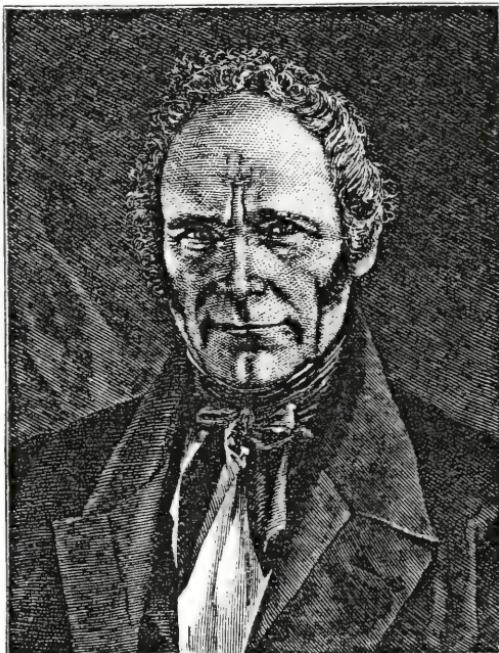
113.

CHARLES⁶ (Moses,⁵ Jonathan,⁴ Jonathan,³ Samuel,² Thomas¹) married Prudence Adams (157), who died in 1810; second, in 1814, Lydia Morse of Medway. He is said to have been the inventor of the machine for turning lasts. He removed from Medfield to Boston. Children:—

- 145. ADAMS, 1808-1814.
- 146. CHARLES, 1810.
- 147. HENRY; has descendants in New York.
- 148. ANN MARIA; m. William Warren.
- 149. MOSES; an artist.

142.

JONATHAN⁷ (Jonathan,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Jonathan,⁴ Jonathan,³ Samuel,² Thomas¹) came into possession of the place which had been owned by his uncle, Moses Wight, on the corner of North and Railroad Streets. He married in 1824 Cl-



JONATHAN WIGHT.

rissa, daughter of Alexander Eames and wife, Abigail Lovell (37). He died in 1854, his widow in 1880. Children:—

150. CLARISSA M., 1826; m. Willard P. Plimpton of Newton.
151. JONATHAN H., 1828-1829.
152. HAMLET, 1830; m. in 1855 Esther H. Thayer (9), who died in 1860; second, in 1863, Lucy J. Hall.
153. ELLEN, 1837; m. in 1859 Daniel D. Curtis (8).

143.

ORION⁷ (Jonathan,⁶ Jonathan,⁵ Jonathan,⁴ Jonathan,³ Samuel,² Thomas¹) owned the place which was his father's, now George H. Wight's. He married in 1826 Charlotte Adams of Medway. He served six years as a member of the board of selectmen, and in various other town offices. He died in 1869, his widow in 1879, aged seventy-four. Children:—

154. MARY J., 1827; m. in 1851 Frank Colburn of Newton.
155. HARRIET A., 1828-1830.
156. HENRY F., 1829; m. in 1857 Frances Snell.
157. ELIZA A., 1831; m. in 1855 Emery A. Wheeler, who died in 1878.
158. GEORGE H., 1832; m. in 1866 Mary R. Adams of Medway.
159. MARGARET E., 1833; m. in 1859 William P. Hewins (3).
160. O. LAPRELETTE, 1835-1855.
161. SARAH H., 1837.
162. JONATHAN G., 1838; m. Jennie Muirhead.
163. HARRIET H., 1840.
164. CHARLOTTE A., 1842-1871; m. in 1865 Henry M. Parker (6).
165. FREDERICK E., 1848; m. in 1886 Ellen K. Springer. Lives in Natick.

166.

FRANCIS S.⁸ (Seth,⁷ Aaron,⁶ Seth,⁵ Seth,⁴ Ephraim,³ Ephraim,² Thomas¹) was born in Bellingham in 1831. He married in 1854 Caroline L. Hartshorn (22). Children:—

167. JOSEPH H., 1855.
168. MARY B. A., 1857; m. in 1880 Henry J. Dunn.
169. CARRIE L., 1864.
170. JENNIE F., 1866.

WILSON.

JOHN WILSON, first minister of Medfield, was son of John Wilson, first minister of Boston. He was born in England in September, 1621, and came to New England with his father on his second voyage. He graduated in the first class at Harvard College in 1642, was admitted to the First Church in Boston in 1644, and was made a freeman in 1647. After preaching several years, he was invited to assist Rev. Richard Mather of Dorchester, and was ordained as his "coadjutor" in 1649. He was mentioned by a writer of that time as "the gracious and godly Mr. Wilson, pastor to the church in Dorchester." He preached there two

years, and in December, 1651, removed to Medfield, where, besides performing the duties of physician and schoolmaster, he was minister nearly forty years.

Hutchinson says he was held in "high esteem." Mather relates that when a child "he fell upon his head from a loft four stories high into the street, from whence he was taken up for dead, so battered and bloody and bruised with his fall that it struck horror into the beholders; but his father had a wonderful return of his prayers in the recovery of his child both unto life and unto sense, insomuch that he continued unto old age a faithful, painful, useful minister of the gospel."

He married Sarah, daughter of Rev. Thomas Hooker of Hartford, Conn. His house lot was where the town hall now stands, the house itself covering a portion of the ground on which that building stands. His home field opposite the house embraced the land lying between South and Pleasant Streets, nearly as far as Oak Street. A church having been formed here, Mr. Wilson was ordained Oct. 12, 1652. The town voted him a salary of £80 for the first year, and £50 annually thereafter. Mr. Wilson was actively interested in everything relating to the welfare of the church and the town. In the Indian war, his house was a hospital for wounded soldiers, and a retreat for refugees from Mendon and other places.

It is said that the first known instance of prayer at a funeral was when "Mr. Wilson, of Medfield, prayed with the company before they went to the grave," at the burial of Rev. William Adams of Roxbury in 1665. Lechford, who wrote in 1642, says: "At burials, nothing is read nor any funeral sermon made, but all the neighborhood, or a good company of them, come together by the tolling of the bell and carry the dead solemnly to his grave, and there stand by him while he is buried. The ministers are most commonly present."

On the Sunday just one week before his death, we are told he "preached both forenoon and afternoon, fervently and powerfully." Judge Sewall, in his Diary, says: "Mr. Wilson died on Sabbath day, Aug. 23, 1691, at about three o'clock P.M., seventy years of age wanting a month. . . . The greater part of his church were present to behold and lament his removal from them." His widow remained in this town for a few years. Judge Sewall was here in September, 1697, and tells us that he called upon Mrs. Wilson. She was living in Mendon in 1702, probably with her youngest daughter, the estate here having been sold in 1701 to Eleazar Wheelock, who transformed it into an inn. No stone was erected to Mr. Wilson at the time: that now standing in our cemetery was placed there by Silas Plimpton at his own expense, he being then an old man, and, as he thought, the only one then living who knew for certainty the spot of burial.

Mr. Wilson preached the Artillery Election Sermon in 1668, but it is not known that he published anything.

WILL OF REV. JOHN WILSON.

I John Wilson Senior, Pastor to the Church of Christ in Medfield in New England, being at present under a due sense of the prevailing infirmities of old age and accounting it my duty to set my house in order, that if God shall please to call me out of this life, my dearly beloved wife and whole family may be so left to enjoy what God hath given me of this world's goods as that no trouble may ensue thereabout after my decease, being at present of sound understanding through God's goodness do make, constitute, ordain and appoint this instrument to be my last will and testament, hereby annulling and making void to all intents and purposes all and every writing or former wills under hand and seal, or by word of mouth any way crossing or contradicting this instrument.

Imprimis: I do hereby will and resign my precious soul into the hands of my most gracious God and merciful Father through Jesus Christ, who gave it, in hopes of a blessed and happy resurrection at the last day; and my body to decent burial; willing that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my executrix hereafter named with all convenient speed.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife, the faithful companion of my youth and old age, all my estate in movables whether in cash, plate, stock or household stuff, of what kind or nature soever, not only for her use and improvement for her life, but also to be willed away and disposed of by her according to her will and pleasure.

Item, I do hereby give and bequeath to my said beloved wife Sarah Wilson all my housing, lands, orchards, meadows and other divisions of lands either granted to me by the town of Medfield, or purchased therein by me, saving such as I shall hereafter dispose of to my grandchild Thomas Weld, to be to her sole use, benefit and improvement during her natural life, together with the annuity of ten pounds per annum, during her life to be paid to her, or her assigns in such manner and form as I shall take care and make provision for hereafter.

Item, I give and bequeath to my beloved son John Wilson all my housing, land and meadows situate lying and being in Braintree, with all the stock, utensils, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging to be to him and his heirs forever, he, his heirs or assigns, performing the conditions of my gifts hereafter mentioned in this my will;

1st. That he my said son John his heirs or assigns shall pay the aforementioned annuity of ten pounds per annum to his beloved and tender mother or her order, in such manner and form as my tenant hath been obliged to make payment of his rent according to

2dly. That he my son John his heirs or assigns shall pay such parts of the legacies which I shall hereafter give and bequeath to my other children as I shall appoint him to pay.

Item; I give and bequeath to my beloved son John Wilson the one third part of all my library to be to him and his heirs forever.

Item; I give and bequeath to my beloved grandchild Thomas Weld all that my one hundred and forty-seven acres of land which lieth in Medfield, New Grant, with that my nineteen acres of land partly upland and partly meadow granted to me by the town of Medfield, bounded Northerly with the land of John Thurston Jr., Southerly with waste land, Easterly by Boggastow brook and Westerly with waste land, together with that eight acres and a half, and six and thirty rods of woodland granted to me by the town of Medfield the 10th of ye. 12th month, 1667, with ye one third part of my library, to be

to him immediately after my decease and to his heirs forever, always provided,

1st. That if my said grandchild shall not live to twenty-one years of age, then I will and bequeath the whole I have given him to be equally divided between my two daughters Sarah Torrey and Susannah Rawson or their heirs.

2nd. That whereas upon ye marriage of my daughter Elizabeth Wilson to my son-in-law Mr. Thomas Weld, I gave to her to the value of fifty pounds and was always doing for her whilst living, I do hereby will that the aforesaid legacy given to my said grandchild Thomas Weld shall include within it the twenty-five pounds which my Honored Father willed to my late daughter Elizabeth now with God, and that if he shall or any other on his behalf shall endeavor ye recovery of said legacy, then so much shall be deducted from what I have here bequeathed and willed to him.

Item; I do hereby give and bequeath to my dearly beloved son and daughter Grindall and Susannah Rawson all my housing, lands, orchards, meadows and other lands granted to me by the town of Medfield or therein purchased, lying and being in Medfield, excepting what I have willed to my beloved grandchild Thomas Weld above, to them and their heirs forever immediately after the decease of my dearly beloved wife, together with twenty-five pounds being a legacy left to my daughter Susannah by my Honored Father Mr. John Wilson deceased in his last will and testament, which twenty-five pounds I do will and appoint my son John Wilson or his heirs to make payment of within five years after ye decease of my beloved wife, five pounds per annum to them their heirs or assigns till ye whole be paid.

Item; I do will and bequeath to my beloved son-in-law Mr. Grindall Rawson, in right of his wife, ye one third part of my library to be to him and his heirs forever.

Furthermore whereas I have formerly made sale of certain parcels of lands in Connecticut Colony in the town of Farmington to sundry inhabitants there, my will is that if any of my children shall go about to molest my grantees of what I have sold them, and have received payment for, or shall refuse to do and perform what may be legally demanded of them for ye full confirmation of any such sale made to them and their heirs, then so much shall be deducted out of their estate hereby bequeathed to them as shall make good my said sales and indemnify such my grantees, or any person or persons therein concerned.

Item; If any of my legatees shall go about to vex each other concerning what I have willed to them, then he or they so doing shall thereby forfeit his or their part or portion given in this my last will and testament, and his or ye part so forfeited shall go unto, and be equally divided amongst the rest who shall be and rest contented with what I have allotted to them.

Item; Whereas I have formerly given to my daughter Sarah now the wife of Mr. Josiah Torrey, upon her marriage to the late Mr. Paul Batt, a full portion equal to, if not exceeding what I now give to my other daughters, yet as a further manifestation of my most endeared love to her, I do give and bequeath unto her or her heirs five pounds in or as money to be paid out of my estate within one twelve month after my decease.

And to conclude this my will, I do hereby appoint and constitute my faithful and beloved wife Sarah Wilson my sole executrix to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of August, 1691.

Signed sealed and acknowledged to be ye act of ye person subscribing in presence of

JOHN THURSTON Senr.

JOHN THURSTON Jr.

JOHN WILSON Senr.

and a seal.

Sarah, widow of Rev. John Wilson, is said to have died about 1715, probably at Mendon. Children:—

2. JOHN, 1649; died young.
3. SARAH; m. Mr. Paul Batt of Boston, by whom she had two children in Boston and one at Medfield. She married, second, Mr. Josiah Torrey, by whom she had five children.
4. THOMAS, 1652-1652.
5. ELIZABETH, 1653-1653.
6. ELIZABETH, 1656-1687; m. in 1681 Rev. Thomas Weld of Dunstable.
- +7. JOHN, 1660.
8. THOMAS, 1662-1662.
9. SUSANNA, 1664-1748; m. in 1683 Rev. Grindall Rawson of Mendon.

7.

JOHN² (John¹) is first mentioned in our records in 1678, when he received bounty on a wolf. In 1685, he was employed to teach school. It was proposed about that time to settle him as a clergyman with his father. The town refused to do this, but voted him liberty to preach sometimes, and take for pay what might be given in a free contribution. When he preached of a Sunday, he was permitted by vote to take two days out of his school for preparation. After his father's death, it was proposed to give him a call, but this the town voted down. He seems to have been unsuccessful as a preacher. In 1697, we find the name of Mr. John Wilson, Physician, in the list of those in full communion here. He settled in Braintree on the ancestral place, where he practised his profession until his death about 1727. He took a wife, Sarah, about 1685, but of what family she was has not been ascertained. The first three births in his family were in Medfield. Children:

10. JOHN, 1686-1713; graduated at Harvard in 1705.
11. ELIZABETH, 1689; m. — Low.
12. ROGER, 1691.
13. EDMUND, 1695.
14. SARAH; m. John Marsh of Braintree in 1701.
15. ALICE; m. Moses Belcher.
16. MARY; m. in 1728 Gregory Baxter.

WOODS.

SAMUEL Woods from Stoddard, N.H., came to this town in 1841, having purchased the old Smith homestead on Granite Street. He married in 1838 Diana Lowell. Children:—

2. SAMUEL D., 1839-1856.
3. SARAH D., 1841; m. in 1862 Willard Holbrook; second, George Mansfield of Southbridge.
4. SUSAN I., 1845.
5. LOWELL S., 1846.
6. FRANKLIN A., 1848; m. in 1871 Myra Bartlett of Sunderland; resides in Milwaukee.
7. ELLEN M., 1850; m. in 1874 Joseph M. Johnson (26).

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

RECORDED IN MEDFIELD, 1651-1850, NOT INCLUDED IN THE FOREGOING GENEALOGIES.

BIRTHS.

Aldridg, Seth, s. of Jacob and Huldah,	1679.
Archer, Benjamin, s. of Benjamin Archer and Sarah Shuttleworth,	1702.
Archer, Jonathan, s. of Benjamin and Rebecca,	1733.
Archer, Benjamin,	" " 1735.
Arculas, John, s. of James and Patience,	1789.
Arculas, Sarah, d. of James Arculas and Sarah Newman,	1797.
Bacon, Sarah A., d. of William and Melinda,	1828.
Balycy, Henry K., s. of Thomas and Abigail,	1777.
Bardens, James, s. of James and Mehitable,	1718.
Bardens, Mehitable, d. of "	" 1720.
Bardens, Elizabeth,	" " 1722.
Bass, Abigail, d. of Thomas and Sarah,	1667.
Bass, Samuel, s.	" " 1669.
Batt, Sarah, d. of Paul and Sarah,	1678.
Bigelow, Julia A., d. of Solomon and Julia,	1815.
Bigelow, John R., s.	" " 1818.
Bigelow, William T.	" " 1820.
Bignal, Mark, s. of Richard and Abigail,	1704.
Blake, Martha, d. of Philip and Sarah,	1778.
Blake, Martha,	" " 1780.
Blake, Josiah, s.	" " 1782.
Boyce, Esther, d. of Samuel and Esther,	1745.
Boyce, William, s.	" " 1747.
Boyce, Mary, d.	" " 1749.
Bradford, Hannah, d. of Walter and Sarah,	1796.
Bradford, Stephen S., s.	" " 1797.
Bradford, Olive, d.	" " 1799.
Bradford, Mary A.	" " 1804.
Bradford, Phebe,	" " 1810.
Brown, Walter J., s. of Henry S. and Lucretia,	1849.
Cairns, Isabel M., d. of James and Mary,	1829.
Callender, Abigail, d. of Benjamin and Elizabeth,	1777.
Callender, Hepsibeth,	" " 1780.

- Calley, Peter, s. of Peter and Ruth, 1670.
 Calley, Margaret, d. " " 1675.
 Chickering, Calvin, s. of Oliver and Tabitha, 1778.
 Chickering, Polly, d. of David and Sarah, 1793.
 Chickering, Charles, s. " " 1798.
 Chickering, Eliza H., d. of Wid. Sarah, 1809.
 Chickering, Sarah, d. of Calvin and Anna, 1803.
 Chickering, Calvin H., s. " " 1808.
 Chickering, Oliver, " " 1810.
 Chickering, Anna, d. of Calvin and Nancy, 1804.
 Chickering, William H., s. " " 1813.
 Chickering, Mary, d. of Hartshorn and Mary, 1806.
 Chickering, Abigail, " " 1810.
 Chickering, Cyrus, s. of Daniel and Caroline, 1812.
 Chickering, James, s. of Daniel and Orpha, 1821.
 Cobb, Jemima, d. of Edward and Hannah, 1736.
 Cobb, David, s. of David and Adelaide, 1832.
 Colburn, Artemas, s. of Job and Rhoda, 1761.
 Coller, Hannah, d. of Phinias and Hannah, 1734.
 Coller, Ezekiel, s. " " 1736.
 Connelly, John, } s. of John and Elizabeth, 1745.
 Connelly, William, } " " 1745.
 Connelly, Rebecca, d. " " 1747.
 Connelly, James, s. " " 1749.
 Connelly, Mary, d. " " 1751.
 Connelly, Grace, " " 1755.
 Connelly, Richard, s. " " 1759.
 Connelly, Peggy, d. of William and Margaret, 1772.
 Connelly, John, s. " " 1774.
 Connelly, Elizabeth, d. " " 1778.
 Connelly, William, s. " " 1781.
 Crane, Alice, d. of Benjamin and Ellena, 1670.
 Craven, Olive, d. of John Craven and Joanna Thebault, 1779.
 Danielson, Loisa, d. of Dr. Lothario Danielson and Sibyl Clark, 1816.
 Davis, Elizabeth, d. of Thomas and Elizabeth, 1768.
 Davis, Mary L., d. of George and Mary, 1839.
 Davis, William P., s. of George and Mercy, 1843.
 Davis, Mary C., d. " " 1846.
 Davis, Fanny L., d. of Warren and Fanny, 1839.
 Davis, Amelia, " " 1843.
 Dean, John W. A., s. of Faxon and Polly, 1816.
 Dean, Hannah A., d. " " 1817.
 Deo, Paul, s. of Abel and Anna (French neutrals), 1763.
 Dewing, Charles, s. of Joel and Mary, 1835.
 Dixon, Silence, d. Richard and Lydia, 1815.
 Dixon, Lydia, " " 1817.

Dixon, Enoch M., s. Richard and Lydia,	1820.
Dorr, Samuel A., s. of Ebenezer and Abigail,	1775.
Draper, Ellis, s. of Joseph and Polly,	1819.
Draper, Mary, d.	" " 1821.
Draper, Joseph, s.	" " 1823.
Draper, Francis,	" " 1825.
Ellenwood, Olive G., d. of Aaron and Clarissa,	1816.
Eveleth, Mary L., d. of Daniel and Mary,	1836.
Foley, John, s. of John and Anna,	1778.
Foley, Silence, d.	" " 1780.
Foley, James, s.	" " 1781.
Foley, Christopher,	" " 1784.
Force, Benjamin, s. of Benjamin and Jemima,	1721.
Force, Timothy,	" " 1723.
Force, Solomon,	" " 1725.
Force, Mary, d.	" " 1727.
Freeman, Ebenezer, s. of Anna Plimpton,	1770.
Gardner, Mary, d. of Edward and Mary,	1734.
Gardner, Hannah A., d. of James W. and Altamira,	1832.
Gardner, Mary L.	" " 1835.
Gay, Joseph W., s. of Joel and Priscilla,	1789.
Gay, Polly, d. of Jason and Hannah,	1795.
Gay, Hannah,	" " 1798.
Gay, Jason, s.	" " 1800.
Gay, Luther,	" " 1803.
Gay, George,	" " 1805.
Gay, Timothy,	" " 1808.
Gleason, Mary E., d. of Jonathan and Amy,	1834.
Gleason, Francis E., s.	" " 1835.
Gleason, Amy, d.	" " 1840.
Goddard, Ellen E., d. of Alonzo and Elizabeth,	1845.
Goddard Alonzo A., s.	" " 1847.
Goodwin, Charles H., s. of Joseph and Sarah,	1828.
Goodwin, James H.	" " 1837.
Goudy, Alexander, s. of James and Mary,	1741.
Goudy, Mary, d.	" " 1744.
Grant, Priscilla, d. of Benjamin and Priscilla,	1693.
Grant, Martha, d. of Samuel and Eliza,	1819.
Grant, Sarah J.	" " 1820.
Grant, Harriet,	" " 1822.
Grant, Andrew J., s.	" " 1824.
Grant, Adeliza, d.	" " 1825.
Green, Daniel, s. of Warrick and Mary,	1783.
Green, Polly, d.	" " 1787.
Green, David, s.	" " 1789.
Green, William, s. of Newport and Phillis,	1785.

- Green, Parmelia, d. of Newport and Phillis, 1789.
 Green, Johnson, s. of Samuel and Rachel, 1822.
 Green, Catherine B., d. " " 1825.
 Guernsey, Sarah, d. of Henry and Sarah, 1701.
 Guernsey, Samuel, s. " " 1703.
 Guernsey, Betty, d. " " 1705.
 Guernsey, Mary, " " 1707.
 Guernsey, Thankful, " " 1712.
 Hart, Luther, s. of William and Nancy, 1776.
 Hayford, Susan E., d. of John and Cynthia, 1836.
 Hayford, Marion L. " " 1839.
 Hayford, Ellen M. " " 1842.
 Hayford, Emma L. " " 1845.
 Higgins, Deborah, d. of William and Deborah, 1738.
 Higgins, William, s. " " 1739.
 Higgins, Lucretia, d. " " 1741.
 Hixon, Ebenezer, s. of Ebenezer Hixon and Rachel Bullard, 1752.
 Holbrook, Nathaniel, s. of Thomas and Hannah, 1658.
 Holbrook, Thomas, " " 1659.
 Holbrook, Eleazar, " " 1660.
 Holbrook, Patience, d. of Thomas and Margaret, 1669.
 Holbrook, Hopestill, s. " " 1671.
 Holbrook, Henry, s. of Henry and Martha, 1781.
 Holbrook, Henry, " " 1786.
 Holbrook, Joseph P. " " 1787.
 Hooker, John, s. of Mary Hooker, 1774.
 Hooper, John, s. of Thomas and Elizabeth, 1708.
 Horton, Eunice, d. of William and Mercy, 1838.
 Hubbard, Mary W., d. of Dr. Levi and Lucetta, 1838.
 Ingleby, Harriet A., d. of William and Nancy, 1845.
 Jepherson, William, s. of Thomas and Susanna, 1717.
 Kendall, James B., s. of Rev. James and Maria, 1834.
 Kimball, George A., s. of George and Martha, 1837.
 Kimball, Mary F., d. of John E. and Lucy, 1838.
 King, George, s. of Samuel and Sarah, 1779.
 King, Harriet, d. of Hosea and Hannah, 1817.
 Knap, Elizabeth, d. of Ebenezer and Elizabeth, 1736.
 Legalle, Mary A., d. of Joseph and Louisa, 1847.
 Legalle, George E., s. " " 1848.
 Legalle, Sarah L., d. " " 1849.
 Legalle, Elizabeth E. " " 1850.
 Leland, Hopestill, s. of Henry and Margaret, 1655.
 Leland, Experience, " " 1656.
 Leland, Ebenezer, " " 1657.
 Leland, Eleazar, " " 1660.
 Leland, Mary E., d. of Dr. P. W. and Pamela, 1831.

- Leland, Phineas W., s. of Dr. P. W. and Pamela, 1833.
Loring, Hannah, d. of Rev. Horatio and Hannah, 1835.
Lyon, Polly, d. of Ebenezer and Hannah, 1775.
Lyon, Zadoc, s. " " 1783.
Manly, Salome, d. of Joseph "and wife," 1823.
Marsh, Joseph, s. of Joseph and Sarah, 1718.
Marsh, Asa, " " 1726.
Marsh, Thomas, " " 1728.
Marsh, Eli, " " 1731.
Marsh, John, s. of John and Martha, 1720.
Marsh, James, " " 1723.
Marsh, Sybil, d. of John and Lydia, 1744.
Marshal, Ebenezer, s. of Jacob and Mary, 1786.
Marston, John R., s. of John and Mary, 1816.
Marston, William F. " " 1820.
Masstick, Otis, s. of William and Zerniah, 1786.
Miller, Morgiana M., d. of Joseph and Patty, 1829.
Miller, Charles A., s. of John and Sarah, 1842.
Miller, Mary E., d. " " 1844.
Miller, Ellen, " " 1847.
Morice, Joseph, s. of Richard and Jane, 1732.
Morice, Richard, " " 1734.
Muzzy, Esther M., d. of Pitt and Esther, 1818.
Muzzy, Martha C. " " 1819.
Newell, Francis, s. of Joseph and Sally, 1802.
Pettee, James, s. of Sibyl Corson, 1791.
Phillips, Emma A., d. of Rev. Daniel W. and Elizabeth, 1844.
Pickering, Cynthia A., d. of Cyrus and Cynthia, 1839.
Pickering, Benjamin, s. " " 1841.
Pickering, Hannah, d. " " 1844.
Pierce, Herbert A., s. of Amos and Mary, 1848.
Prince, Joseph H., s. of Joseph and Lydia, 1829.
Rawson, Edward, s. of Grindal and Susanna, 1683.
Reed, Josiah, s. of John and Sibyl, 1767.
Robbins, Hannah, d. of John and Hannah, 1709.
Robbins, Priscilla, " " 1710.
Robbins, John, s. " " 1713.
Robinson, Sarah J., d. of Rev. Charles and Sally, 1845.
Robinson, Charles C., s. " " 1849.
Rodman, Mary E., d. of Charles and Mary, 1842.
Rollet, George, s. of Franz and Mary, 1841.
Rollet, Elizabeth, d. " " 1843.
Sanders, Sarah, d. of Daniel and Sarah, 1715.
Sawin, George W., s. of Pharez and Hannah, 1822.
Sawin, Mary M., d. of Lewis and Emeline, 1841.
Sawin, Emeline, d. of Lewis and Betsey, 1844.

Sawin, Herbert, s. of Lewis and Betsey,	1845.
Shuttleworth, Benjamin, s. of Vincent and Elizabeth,	1678.
Shuttleworth, Elizabeth, d.	" " 1679.
Shuttleworth, Maria,	" " 1683.
Shuttleworth, Vincent, s.	" " 1685.
Shuttleworth, Ebenezer,	" " 1688.
Shuttleworth, John, s. of Vincent and Sarah,	1720.
Stanley, William F., s. of William and Caroline,	1834.
Stephens, William, s. of Mary Hooker,	1777.
Taylor, Oliver, s. of Daniel and Anna,	1755.
Temple, Ellen M., d. of Marshall and Mary,	1824.
Temple, Alonzo B., s. of Lowell and Mary,	1832.
Temple, Mary A., d.	" " 1837.
Thompson, Ebenezer, s. of Ebenezer and Susanna,	1698.
Thompson, Susanna, d.	" " 1700.
Thompson, Eleazar, s.	" " 1702.
Thompson, Abigail, d.	" " 1704.
Thompson, Mehitable,	" " 1710.
Thompson, Joseph, s. of John and Hannah,	1698.
Thompson, Jonathan,	" " 1700.
Thompson, Benjamin,	" " 1703.
Thompson, Martha, d.	" " 1705.
Thompson, Lemuel, s. of John and Sibyl,	1785.
Thompson, Sibyl, d.	" " 1787.
Thompson, Harriet,	" " 1789.
Thompson, Willard, s.	" " 1792.
Tisdale, Peter, s. of James and Sibyl,	1785.
Treadway, Lydia, d. of Jonathan and Judith,	1667.
Twichell, Abiel, d. of Benjamin and Marie,	1663.
Twichell, Seth, s. of Benoni and Hannah,	1711.
Twichell, Hannah, d.	" " 1713.
Ward, Increase, s. of Increase and Record,	1673.
Warland, Robert H., s. of John and Mary A.,	1833.
Webb, Walter, s. of Walter and Sally,	1803.
Wedge, Daniel, s. of Daniel and Experience,	1736.
Wedge, Jephthah,	" " 1737.
Weeks, Martha, d. of William and Mary,	1716.
Weeks, Sabiah,	" " 1718.
Weld, Mehitable, d. of Daniel and Mary,	1669.
Weld, Anna,	" " 1672.
Wellman, Emalus, s. of Isaac and Nancy,	1816.
Wellman, Emeline, d.	" " 1818.
Wellman, Edmund, s.	" " 1820.
Wellman, Emily, d.	" " 1821.
White, Eliza J., d. of Rev. Charles and Charlotte,	1847.
Whiting, Joanna, d. of Nathaniel and Joanna,	1665.

- Whiting, Nathaniel, s. of Nathaniel and Joanna, 1667.
 Whiting, Samuel, " " 1671.
 Whiting, Hezekiah, " " 1673.
 Whitney, Hannah, d. of Joshua and Hannah, 1710.
 Whitney, Joshua, s. " " 1712.
 Whitney, Joshua, s. of Joshua and Jemima, 1769.
 Wilder, Eliza H., d. of Silas and Caroline, 1846.
 Williams, Elizabeth, d. of William and Lois, 1848.
 Wilson, Sarah, d. of Michael and Mary, 1675.
 Wilson, Mary, " " 1678.
 Wilson, Asa, s. of Asa and Polly, 1814.
 Wilson, Hannah, d. " " 1816.
 Wilson, Pliney, s. " " 1819.
 Wilson, Samuel, " " 1823.
 Wilson, Lowell G., " " 1825.
 Wilson, Willard, " " 1827.
 Wiswall, Sarah C., d. of David and Mary, 1800.
 Wood, Jonathan, s. of Nicolas and Mary, 1651.
 Wood, Mehitabel, d. " " 1655.
 Wood, Abigail, " " 1657.
 Wood, Bethiah, " " 1660.
 Wood, Eleazer, s. " " 1662.
 Wood, Asa C., s. of Holland and Mehitabel, 1781.

MARRIAGES.

- Adams, Moses, and Mary Fairbanks, 1680.
 Aldridge, Jacob, and Hulda Thare, 1675.
 Bardens, James, and Mehitabel Clap, 1717.
 Barrows, James, of Boston, and Elizabeth Adams, of Medway, 1836.
 Bartlett, Joseph, of Walpole, and Elizabeth Cassidy, 1833.
 Bass, Thomas, and Sarah Wood, 1660.
 Blake, Seth, of Dover, and Mary A. Brooks, 1837.
 Blodgett, William, of Holliston, and Sarah Hunting, 1841.
 Boyden, Jonathan, of Walpole, and Phebe Robbins, of same, 1780.
 Boyce, Samuel, and Esther Hastings, 1744.
 Bullard, Seth, of Walpole, and Joanna Lewis, of Dedham, 1761.
 Bullard, Willard, and Harriet Thompson, 1812.
 Carpenter, John, and Rachel Turner, 1776.
 Clap, Ebenezer, and Mille Blake, both of Walpole, 1778.
 Clap, James, and Elizabeth Herring, of Dover, 1795.
 Clark, Daniel, and Elizabeth Gould, both of Medway, 1748.
 Clark, Oliver, and Hannah Davis, of Medway, 1794.
 Clasp, William, and Mary Tisdale, both of Weymouth, 1843.
 Clayes, Josiah, of Framingham, and Eunice Look, 1775.
 Cleaveland, George, and Sarah Cobb, both of Walpole, 1770.
 Cobb, David, and Adelaide M. Ware, 1831.

- Colburn, John, and Experience Leland, 1674.
Colburn, Benjamin, and Abiel Fisher, 1685.
Cook, Samuel, and Lydia Wight, 1681.
Curtis, Joseph, and Mary Bullen, 1740.
Day, Jeremiah, and Rebecca Whittemore, both of Walpole, 1778.
Day, Joseph, and Lucy Ellis, both of Dedham, 1778.
Day, Ebenezer, of Walpole, and Adah Boyden, of Wrentham, 1796.
Draper, Charles, of Dover, and Nancy Everett, 1821.
Dunbar, Simeon, and Olive Craven, 1799.
Ellis, Ebenezer, and Sarah Evans, 1750.
Ellis, Ezekiel, of Medway, and Lydia Lawrence, 1783.
Eveleth, Daniel, and Mary H. Stevens, 1835.
Farrett, William, and Mary Dailie, 1681.
Farrington, Josiah, and Thankful Boyden, both of Wrentham, 1792.
Felch, Stephen, and Hannah Fisher, both of Walpole, 1754.
Fisher, Leonard, and Betsey Ware, both of Wrentham, 1792.
Fisher, Joel, of Walpole, and Sally Everett, 1818.
Forrest, Emanuel, of Newton, and Mary Edwards, of Walpole, 1833.
Frizzell, Asa, of Walpole, and Betsey Perry, 1830.
Gardner, Edward, and Mary Jones, 1734.
Gardner, James, and Altemira E. Fiske, 1831.
Gay, Phinehas, of Dover, and Mary Chickering, 1817.
Green, Warrick, and Mary Dego, 1783.
Guild, Nathaniel, and Rebecca Hart, both of Walpole, 1767.
Guy, Martin, and Adeline Bailey, 1834.
Hall, Josiah, and Cally Boyden, both of Walpole, 1779.
Harding, Thomas, and Abigail Twichell, 1754.
Harding, Seth, of Medway, and Mary Learned, 1805.
Hartshorn, Fisher, and Zerviah Boyden, both of Walpole, 1779.
Haslop, Thomas, and Mary Stimpson, 1820.
Hixon, Isaac, and Elizabeth Harding, both of Medway, 1788.
Holbrook, Thomas, and Margaret Bowker, 1668.
Holbrook, Samuel, and Maria Perce, 1675.
Holbrook, Luke, of Bellingham, and Mercy Pond, 1751.
Holbrook, Amos, of Bellingham, and Melitiah Hayward, of Medway, 1773.
Holbrook, Samuel, and Lois Fisher, both of Wrentham, 1795.
Horton, William H., and Mercy J. Flynn, 1837.
Howard, Samuel, and Mehitable Thompson, 1666.
Jones, David W., of Boston, and Mary C. Newell, 1831.
Johnson, Julius L., and Betsey Ware, 1844.
Johnson, Charles, of Wrentham, and Milla F. Wood, of Franklin, 1828.
Kingsbury, Nathaniel, and Lavina Morse, of Sherborn, 1816.
Kittredge, Peter, and Susanna Fuder (colored), 1791.
Knowlton, Daniel, of Natick, and Hannah Davis, 1839.
Lacroix, William, and Jemima Bullard, both of Medway, 1826.
Leland, Hopestill, and Abigail Hill, 1678.

Leland, Nathan, of Holliston, and Meribah Gay, of Dover, 1803.
Linkon, Oliver, of Taunton, and Ruth Hall, of Walpole, 1763.
Lovett, James, and Hannah Taylor, 1668.
Lyon, Ebenezer, and Hannah Wood, 1775.
Marsh, John, and Martha Hartshorn, of Dedham, 1719.
Marsh, John, and Lydia Smith, 1744.
Meuls, Samuel, and Mary Twichell, 1684.
Miller, Joseph, and Patty Fisher, 1825.
Mitchell, John, of Philadelphia, and Susanna Cunningham, 1776.
Morse, Timothy, and Mehitable Robbins, 1715.
Morse, Obadiah, of Walpole, and Bethia Ruggles, of Wrentham, 1729.
Morse, Uriah, and Elizabeth Metcalf, 1731.
Morse, Jeremiah, and Experience Ware, 1762.
Morse, Timothy, of Stoughton, and Lydia Fisher, of Wrentham, 1764.
Morse, Jotham, and Abigail Gregory, both of Walpole, 1773.
Morse, Jotham D., and Lydia F. Whiting, 1837.
New, James, and Mary Shuttleworth, 1720.
Parker, Solomon, and Mary Whitney, of Natick, 1792.
Partridge, Job, and Abigail Thompson, 1724.
Pond, Elihu, and Polly Boyd, both of Franklin, 1784.
Pratt, Joseph H., and Eliza H. Morse, 1848.
Quant, John F., and Mary Worsley, both of Wrentham, 1785.
Randall, John, and Maria Aldridg, 1667.
Sawin, Lewis, and Betsey Wood, 1843.
Sayls, William, of Smithfield, and Phebe Tufts, 1817.
Shuttleworth, Vincent, and Sarah Macany, 1720.
Sparrowhawk, Timothy, of Natick, and Lydia Gay, 1746.
Stone, George, and Betsey Patts, 1816.
Stratton, Frederick, of Boston, and Mary A. Cleveland, 1833.
Taylor, Hopestill, and Mary Lovett, 1668.
Taylor, William, and Marie Johnson, 1671.
Thare, Jonathan, and Elizabeth French, of Mendon, 1680.
Titus, Nehemiah, and Anna Barden, both of Wrentham, 1755.
Turner, Elisha, and Esther Woodsworth, both of Walpole, 1759.
Turner, Edward, and Hannah Fisher, both of Walpole, 1763.
Twitchell, Benjamin, and Marie White, 1683.
Whiting, Seth, and Susanna Harding, 1811.
Whitney, Jonathan, and Susanna Fairbanks, 1701.
Whitney, Jesse, of Framingham, and Rebecca Newell, 1818.
Wight, Arnold, of Dover, and Dolly Graves, of Ashburnham, 1827.
Williams, Joseph, and Susanna Lawrence, 1710.
Wilson, Jered, and Cate Lawrence, of Franklin, 1784.
Woods, John, of Ashburnham, and Rebecca Draper, 1831.

DEATHS.

- Andrews, Almira, w. of William, aged 25, 1841.
Antelony, Ann (found dead), 1771.
Arculas, Hannah, w. of James, 1795.
Ashton, Nancy, 30, 1838.
Bigelow, Isaac, 1777.
Bigelow, William, 13, 1834.
Bigelow, Solomon, 66, 1841.
Blake, Martha, d. of Philip and Sarah, 1779.
Boyce, Mary, 1772.
Bran, Lucy, 85, 1837.
Brooks, Joseph (Indian), 1760.
Burrill, Elethera, 30, 1839.
Carpenter, John (drowned), 1753.
Corson, Wid. Sibyl, 1812.
Challener, Edward, 1785.
Cleaveland, Alma, w. of Addison, 30, 1834.
Colby, Eliza, 29, 1832.
Collar, Elizabeth, d. of Phinehas and Hannah, 1736.
Connolly, Elizabeth, w. of John, 1760.
Connolly, William, 81, 1826.
Connolly, Peggy, 95, 1840.
Cook, Nathan, 1747.
Cooper, John (killed by Indians), 1676.
Crosby, Mary, of Billerica, 1721.
Daniels, Mrs., 78, 1842.
Dorr, Lieut. Jonathan, 1776.
Downs, Thomas, of Boston (burned), 1806.
Draper, James, of Dover, 1789.
Drown, Rhoda, 100, 1834.
Ellenwood, Olive G., d. of Aaron, 1820.
Ellenwood, Charles, 1839.
Felt, William, 77, 1843.
Felt, Rachel, wid. of William, 87, 1846.
Fiske, Nathaniel, 1727.
Flagg, Lucy, 60, 1841.
Foley, Silence, d. of John and Anna, 1780.
Freeman, Edward, 53, 1827.
Garrett, Cornelia, 17, 1848.
Gay, Eunice, w. of Ichabod, of Dedham, 1838.
Goudy, John, s. of James and Mary, 1744.
Gould, Keziah, 76, 1842.
Green, John, 1781.
Green, Warrick (native of Africa), 1815.
Green, Newport, 1816.

Green, Daniel, 40, 1824.
Green, David, 37, 1826.
Green, Thankful, d. of Warrick, 49, 1847.
Green, Mary, wid. of Warrick, 1849.
Handy, Hannah, 25, 1825.
Harding, Oliver, s. of Elijah and Sarah, 1754.
Harding, Hannah, w. of Elias, 1805.
Harding, Elias, 1820.
Harding, Capt. Nathan M., d. at sea, 24, 1822.
Harding, Timothy, 84, 1849.
Hart, Miss ——, 57, 1840.
Helyer, Thomas, of Boston, 1752.
Herring, Hepsibah, w. of Peletiah, 1779.
Herring, Samuel, husb. of Sarah, 1795.
Hews, Hannah, w. of Joshua, 1756.
Hill, Mary, 1776.
Holbrook, Nathaniel, s. of Thomas, by fall of a tree, 1677.
Holbrook, Henry, s. of Henry and Martha, 1784.
Holbrook, Alice, w. of Partridge, 69, 1842.
Horner, Hannah, wid. of John, 1778.
Horton, Bathsheba, 76, 1843.
How, John, of Roxbury, 1828.
Howson, Asa (drowned), 24, 1827.
Hunt, Margaret, 1800.
Jackson, Edward (slain by Indians) 1676.
Jackson, James (drowned) 1804.
Jackson, Wid. Sarah, 70, 1831.
Jones, Henry P., 42, 1846.
Kingsbury, Samuel, of Walpole (drowned), 1767.
Kingsbury, Jemima, w. of Nathaniel, 1814.
Kingsbury, Nathaniel, s. of Nathaniel, 27, 1831.
Kingsbury, Mrs. Lavina, 72, 1833.
Kingsbury, Wid. Lydia, 78, 1835.
Kingsbury, Nathaniel, 97, 1846.
Lane, Fanny, 30, 1825.
Lane, Wid. Lucy, 68, 1833.
Leland, Eleazar, husb. of Sarah, 1703.
Lemoyne, Wid. Anna, 1749.
Lemoyne, John F., 1750.
Linkhorn, Wid. Hannah, 1751.
Loring, Hannah, w. of Rev. Horatio, 28, 1835.
Lyon, Wid. ——, 1776.
Merrill, Calvin A., s. of Calvin and Sarah, 1847.
Miller, Morgiana M., d. of Joseph and Patty, 1848.
Mills, Ira, of Needham (by accident), 1808.
Monk, Josiah, s. of Daniel, 3, 1837.

- Morice, Richard, s. of Richard and Jane, 1734.
Morse, Timothy, of Walpole, 1765.
Morse, Betty, d. of John, 1810.
Morse, John, 1814.
Morse, Mary A., of Walpole, 22, 1825.
Morse, Joseph, of Walpole, 24, 1830.
Peppelow, John, husb. of Eve, 1793.
Peppelow, Hannah, 74, 1838.
Perigo, Hannah, 34, 1832.
Pierce, Isaac, 1813.
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